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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

A permanent home for administrators

District buys former UFCU property for $630K

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph Public Schools will move its administrative offices before the start of the next academic year.

The move became official Monday after the St. Joseph school board agreed to buy the former United Federal Credit Union training center to house the district's administrative offices. The new location will also serve as a training center for teachers and other district employees.

The board approved the purchase agreement for property at 2580 Cleveland Ave. in St. Joseph Township for $630,000, and agreed to begin taking bids on financing the purchase.

"We found a location that fits our needs," Superintendent Thomas Bruce said during a presentation. "Our hope is to create a central office that is easy for our families, our teachers and our employees to access."

For more than a decade, the school district has leased office space at the St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center at 3275 Lincoln Ave.

Last year, the senior center informed school administrators that due to increased membership and expanded programming, it needed to have access to the entire building.

"The senior center is a rented property for us, meaning we can't put any money into it because we don't own it," Bruce said. "Whatever happens to that building comes down to the relationship between us and the senior center. While they've been amazing, it's still a repurposed building."

They asked the district to find alternate administration office space

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Don Campbell / HP staff

The St. Joseph school board voted to buy the former United Federal Credit Union training center at 2580 Cleveland Ave. After agreeing to terms on the purchase agreement Monday, the district has until July 1 to close on the sale.

Medic 1 lifer

Don Campbell / HP staff

Jack Fisher, executive director of Medic 1, has been named president of the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services Board, and has been at Medic 1 for 42 years.

Fisher, the son of ambulance dispatchers, has been at the service for 42 years

Growing up, Jack Fisher always wanted to be a full-time police officer. But he was afraid that if he came across an incident involving blood, he might not handle it well.

"So what do I do? I go into the ambulance business," he said.

Fisher, 63, has worked for Medic 1 for 42 years, the past 23 as executive director. He manages about 80 employees and oversees the main station on Napier Avenue and three sub-stations elsewhere in Berrien County. In January he became president of the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services Board.

Fisher sat down with Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Julie Swidwa to talk about his career.

How long have you been at this?

Q&A
Jack Fisher

I started in EMS (Emergency Medical Services) in 1975 with Rampart Ambulance, right out of high school.

Back in the day there was Action Ambulance and Rampart Ambulance, both private services.

I graduated from Michigan Lutheran High School in 1975 and started EMS right out of high school. I blame it on my parents. They were actually dispatching for Rampart Ambulance. They had a little alarm monitoring system at their house, and they answered phones and things. And that's how it started. I got to know the people at Rampart. So I blame them for getting me sucked into this business.

I was with Rampart until 1978, then I came to Medic 1 on May 31, 1978, and I've been at Medic 1 ever since.

Did Rampart still exist?

No it was pretty much out of business at that time. Medic 1 started in 1977. It's publicly owned by the municipalities.

I started here as an EMT (emergency medical technician). Next I was a paramedic, then I became a shift supervisor. In January

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Study: Insulin is being sold illegally on Craigslist for a fraction of its price

By SARAH GANTZ
The Philadelphia Inquirer (TNS)

Craigslist: a place to shop for used Ikea furniture, summer apartment sublets and … insulin?

A new study by researchers at ChristianaCare and Jefferson College of Population Health found that the lifesaving diabetes medication is routinely being sold through the online marketplace for a fraction of its list price.

The findings, published online in the Journal of the American Medical Association on Monday, speak to how the high cost of insulin has strained families and may be pushing them to risky behavior in order to get the medication at a price they can afford.

Insulin must be stored at a specific temperature to maintain its effectiveness, and second-hand medications could be less effective. Buying insulin on Craigslist requires no prescription, adding to the danger. Using insulin improperly can lead to coma and even death.

Sellers, too, could be taking a serious risk if they are people with diabetes using less than their prescribed dosage of insulin so they can sell some of it online – not to mention it's illegal and against Craigslist policy to sell prescription drugs through the website.

"If this is the canary in the mine of how desperate people are to gain access to lifesaving medication, here's one more window into what that experience is like," said Rosemary Frasso, program director of public health at Jefferson College of Population Health and co-author of the study.

People with Type 1 diabetes, the autoimmune condition in which the body does not produce insulin, must take the medication daily to regulate their blood sugar levels. People with Type 2 diabetes, the insulin-resistance condition that is more common, may also need insulin, though many cases can be managed through other medications and lifestyle changes.

The medication is notoriously

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It's all on the line Thursday

48 students primed to compete at Cloverleaf Spelling Competition

By RALPH HEIBUTZKI
HP Correspondent

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Cash prizes, a trip to Washington, D.C., and a shot at some local fame are all up for grabs this Thursday when students compete in the Cloverleaf Spelling Competition.

But no how matter students finish, they'll definitely make some memories and develop skills that will serve them well throughout their lifetimes, says event coordinator Tonya Snyder, student activities coordinator for the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency.

"It's so many things, and it's really a full-bodied experience," Snyder said. "They get that great experience of standing onstage and learning some of those study skills that have served us all so well – it's one of those skills that allows students to be celebrated for academic achievements."

Competition starts at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor.

Students will start with a practice round that won't count, which should calm their nerves as they gather on the Mendel Mainstage, Snyder said.

Forty-eight students are competing his year, up slightly from last year's count of 42, she added.

"Everyone can get those first jitters out," Snyder said. "As with last year, we're on the (Mendel) Mainstage, so once the house lights go dim, they're looking out at the blackness, rather than seeing faces. So that will be helpful for them."

Christina Martin, an English arts consultant for Berrien RESA; Herald-Palladium Features Editor Andy Steinke; and former longtime Lakeshore spelling coach Vivian Achterberg are this year's judges.

Former judge Dawn Howley is returning for her second year as pronouncer. She'll repeat words, if a speller wishes, as well as provide their definition, grammatical part of speech and root origin. She can also give an example of how the word is used in a sentence, which spellers can also

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request.

Howley is replacing former longtime pronouncer Mark Regazzi, who is currently in California with his grandchildren, according to Snyder.

Regazzi handled the pronouncing duties for more than 20 years serving as the voice – and, for those attending – the face of the Cloverleaf.

"We miss Mark, but California calls, when you hit a certain age," Snyder joked. "I've said, 'Mark, if you're ever in town during that (the Cloverleaf), I'd like to honor you publicly – you were with us for so long, we do appreciate that.'"

Students are eliminated once they misspell their assigned word. The first student who spells all their words correctly is deemed the winner, and advances to the 93rd Scripps National Spelling Bee, which runs from May 24-29 in the Washington, D.C. area.

In case of bad weather, cancellation information will be posted on Berrien RESA's website, www.berrienresa.org, this Thursday morning.

The top three students from each local school district participated in their own competitions earlier this year, which gave them the opportunity to compete in the regional event.

Students from Ballard Elementary (Niles), Fair Plain East (Benton Harbor), and Hollywood Elementary schools are competing for the first time this year.

Snyder sends out a letter in the summer to schools to see if they want to participate, she said.

"They have financial incentives to sign up as early as possible – they release the word list, and those kinds of things," Snyder said. "You can sign up as early as July, so essentially those kids who are serious can start as early as their school signs up."

Snyder hears from a former student or two who's competed in the past, and wouldn't mind if she hears from more – because the Cloverleaf experience is all about them, she said.

"I don't get any, 'This changed my life stories.' But quite frankly, the (Cloverleaf) winner – the world they join, being able to go to Washington, D.C., and stay at a nice, fancy hotel, being surrounded by other kids that care about the same things that they do – it's an awesome experience, and a growing experience."

The event is sponsored by The Herald-Palladium, Cook Nuclear Plant/AEP, Berrien Regional Education Service Agency and Lake Michigan College. Co-sponsors include Honor Credit Union, Hexco Academic, Pizza Hut of Michigan, Jay Sugarman (an individual donor), and Merriam-Webster.

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Michigan

Poker Lotto
5C-2D-2H-6S-7S
Midday Daily 3
5-9-1
Midday Daily 4
7-7-7-6
Daily 3
5-5-2
Daily 4
1-6-3-9
Fantasy 5
09-27-28-31-34
Keno
05-08-09-14-22-23-27-29-30-32-34-35-38-39-40-44-49-51-63-69-72-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$45 million
Powerball jackpot
$50 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
04-11-16-30-39
Estimated jackpot
$274,500
Cash4Life
07-08-10-33-49, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
02-10-14-21-23-25-26-31-35-36-38-39-47-53-57-59-62-66-71-75, BE: 39
Daily Three-Midday
6-7-8, SB: 5
Daily Three-Evening
0-0-0, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
6-9-9-6, SB: 5
Daily Four-Evening
7-0-0-8, SB: 9
Quick Draw Evening
07-08-20-23-25-32-39-42-49-52-55-57-58-60-64-65-70-72-73-80, BE: 25

Illinois

LuckyDay Lotto Midday
05-07-18-26-35
Pick Three-Midday
2-3-8, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
0-5-9, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
0-9-8-7, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Evening
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after the gap lease agreement ended Dec. 31, 2019. Since then, the senior center has leased the office space to the district on a month-to-month basis.

"We are excited about the senior center's growth and we want to help with their expansion as quickly as possible," said board President Barry Conybeare. "So, we immediately started searching for an affordable and easily accessible office facility within the district."

Conybeare said school administrators and the board reviewed other options before choosing the Cleveland Avenue property.

The decision included several closed sessions in December and January in which properties were discussed.

Bruce said the board looked at a few other options, which were limited on parking and building access. He said they also considered constructing a new building, but the cost would have been significantly higher.

The 7,100-square-foot building was available for $630,000 and requires minimal renovations.

"Many factors weighed into our recommendation to purchase the training center facility," Bruce said. "It is available at 76 percent of market value and offers our district excellent value for our dollar."

The target move-in date is slated for August 2020.

Bruce said the district hopes to move in earlier than that. However, at present the building is still in use by the St. Joseph-based financial institution.

Bruce said all of the training center's furniture and technology are included as part of the purchase agreement, which will significantly lower renovation costs.

The building was updated five years ago for training purposes. A large room in the building seats about 60 people, which Bruce identified as a good location for board meetings and training space.

The next steps for the district are to obtain financing and close on the building sale by July 1.

Initial renovations will follow to create a reception area, additional signage, improved security and flexible meeting space. The district is planning for a grand opening toward the end of 2020.

Prior to a roll call vote, Trustee Brett Wier abstained from voting due to his affiliation with UFCU.

The next school board meeting is at 6 p.m. on March 9 at Brown Elementary School.

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1991 I became operations manager, which basically took me off the road and put me in the office. Then I became executive director on March 1, 1997. So I'm going to be 23 years as director, and 42 years here, which is unheard of for most jobs in today's market.

I'm on the Benton Township Police Department too, since 1984. I'm a part-time reserve lieutenant.

What do you like about this job?

It's been an interesting job. I have a great operations manager right now, so the operations manager takes care of pretty much the staffing and day to day operations. My biggest hurdle for me when I first became executive director, was finances. To me it was a huge rocket ride to figure out the finances of this organization. We have an $11.5 million budget.

So there's a lot of things I had to learn quickly and that was the biggest thing. I'd been here long enough to know the day to day operations, and I think from the finance side I've done a pretty remarkable job for the organization. It has its challenges. But if I didn't like doing it, I'd probably try to find a way to get out of doing it.

How did you end up being the president of the state board?

I've been on the board since January 2006. I became president in January of this year. I was president-elect for two years prior to that, and I'll be past president for two years after.

The board consists of ambulance directors and administrators from all over the state. It's a good tool for me and for us around the table to compare things and see how they're doing things in their neck of the woods as compared to our neck of the woods. We're sharing a lot of information.

We have a lobbyist firm that works with the state when it comes to things like insurance reform. Auto insurance reform was huge, because the state was looking to put us in a fee-schedule like Medicare and that would have been devastating for our industry. So we're always looking at things at the state level and how it affects EMS regionally across the state of Michigan.

I know your wife (Deniece Fisher) is a retired police officer. Did you meet on the job?

Yes, we did. I was still working the road, running calls and Deniece was fairly new into her position. I was working one of the ambulances and she was a St. Joseph police officer, and she was on a medical call and me and my partner came to pick somebody up and that's how we met.

That's about 30 years ago, we've been married 27.

And you have one cat?

We have one cat, Rusty. He's a black cat. She named him Rusty because I was a big Rusty Wallace fan. That's how he got the name Rusty. I'm a big NASCAR fan. I've had a chance to drive five different race courses.

Was Deniece always a fan, too?

I think I was more of a fan than she was. We've never rooted for the same team. She was a Jeff Gordon fan. Now she likes Chase Elliott. She's a Michigan State fan, for me it's U of M. She likes the Detroit Lions, I like Chicago. It keeps it interesting.

Anything else you want people to know about you?

That I'm a great guy? (Laughing) I try. But it depends who you talk to.

I think I give this place 110 percent. If I didn't care about it I wouldn't still be here. At least that's what I think.

I look back over my career and I've been very blessed. I say that because in EMS advancement is hard, there's just not much of it like in a police department. When I was in high school I wanted to be a full-time police officer. Actually, with where I am today, I made a better choice. I've got no complaints about what I've been able to do in my life. Me and Deniece, 27 years of marriage. It just flies by. But you've got to be happy in life. I'm very blessed.

I've always looked at it, the things I do for Medic 1 are what's best for Medic 1, not what's best for me. This place needs to be here when I'm done, handing it off to somebody else. I think the goal is, like anything, I made it better from the person I got it from, and the person I'm going to give it to can make it better from there. That's how I look at it.

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INSULIN

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expensive – some of the most commonly prescribed "analog" insulins can cost hundreds of dollars a vial without insurance. Analog insulin, as opposed to the less expensive natural insulin, is made in the lab, engineered to act more predictably in the body. People with Type 1 diabetes may need two or three vials a month, though amounts vary by person. Even with insurance, the costs can be prohibitive for people who have high-deductible health plans or who want a brand that is not their insurance plan's preferred option.

The study looked only at seller activity on Craigslist, not the motivation of buyers.

But how high insulin prices have affected patients is well documented: Some studies estimate that a quarter of people with Type 1 diabetes ration insulin because of cost. Stretching or skipping doses is dangerous and can even be deadly.

Jennifer Goldstein, a program director for clinical research at ChristianaCare in Delaware, had heard that patients may be turning to places like Craigslist to buy medications when they were unable to afford their prescription.

"It really spoke to the crisis around insulin pricing," said Goldstein, a co-author of the study. "There are many patients who are most likely seeking out insulin in unregulated marketplaces like Craigslist."

In June 2019, researchers combed Craigslist for ads selling insulin and found 432 ads in 240 cities in 31 states. Nearly three-quarters of the ads, a total of 311 posts, were for analog insulin, such as Lantus and Humalog – two popular brands.

Researchers found that a vial of analog insulin was being sold for an average of $30 – compared with an average list price of $400.

It is important for doctors to be aware of the trend, so they can talk to patients about the risks of secondhand medication and work with them to find other ways to afford their medication, Goldstein said.

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The passing of the gavel in Berrien Springs

Richter honored as he hands off president post to Hibler

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Village government business took a back seat to honoring outgoing Village President Milt Richter Monday night. Tributes came in from 78th District state Rep. Brad Paquette, Oronoko Township Supervisor Mike Hildebrand and others.

Richter, 78, is leaving the president's job after nearly 10 years in that post. He announced his decision to retire from the president's position in early January and set his retirement date for Feb. 17. Later in January, it was announced that he would switch jobs with Trustee Jesse Hibler.

On Monday council members voted to accept Richter's letter of retirement as village president and then to appoint Hibler as the new village president and Richter as a village trustee. Richter handed the gavel off to Hibler at the close of the meeting and both were sworn in to their new positions.

Both appointments are through November, when those posts as well as those of three other council trustees will be on the ballot. Others who will be up for re-election in November are Jack Davis, Barry Gravitt and Kristin von Maur.

The first tribute Monday came from Paquette, who presented Richter with a tribute signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Garlin Gilchrist, as well as local and area officials.

"You brought the community together in numerous collaborations, you worked on infrastructure projects and helped bring in new businesses," Paquette said. "Your hard work and dedication are deeply appreciated by the village and the community. Your record will reap rewards in the years to come."

"My tribute is not quite as eloquent," Hildebrand said. "I just want to say thank you. You've been a good partner during my eight years as supervisor. Your track record of accomplishments speaks for itself. We get more done when we work together. I wish you all the best."

"I don't know what to say," Richter said after the tributes from Paquette and Hildebrand, as well as a gift of a clock presented by Hibler on behalf of the council. "We've gotten a lot done and I'm looking forward to getting more done. It's been good and I've enjoyed it. … We're on the cusp of more good things."

In action at Monday's meeting, council members approved having the Michigan

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Presidents' Day party

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

ABOVE: Braxton Burke, 4, of Coloma, shows off the Abraham Lincoln mask he made Monday as part of the Presidents' Day celebration held at the Coloma Public Library. **RIGHT:** Richard Veit portrays Abraham Lincoln Monday during the Presidents' Day event.

BARODA TWP.

Board appoints Dennis Krotzer as trustee

By WILLIAM F. AST III
HP Correspondent

BARODA — The Baroda Township Board on Monday voted to appoint Dennis Krotzer as trustee, to fill the remainder of the late John Harner's term.

KROTZER

Krotzer, 67, 7454 Lincoln Ave., was one of three township residents who applied for the vacant post. Also applying were Audra Johnson and William Hurst.

"I think you would all make excellent trustees," Treasurer Brenda Troxell told the candidates.

Krotzer's term will last up to the November election. Anyone interested in running for any township post, including the post now held by Krotzer, must file for election by April 21, she said.

Krotzer until Monday night was also a member of the township's planning commission and board of review. The board after naming him trustee then voted to accept his resignation from both posts.

Trustee Dave Wolf said

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SOUTH HAVEN

City Manager Dissette rewarded with 3% raise, bonus

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — City council members in South Haven apparently liked the city manager's job performance in 2019.

Members, earlier this month, voted to give City Manager Brian Dissette a 3 percent pay increase, retroactive to Jan. 1, plus a performance bonus of $6,000.

The raise ups Dissette's annual salary from $110,000 to $113,300, according to Human Resources Director Kim Wise.

The salary increase comes after Dissette's yearly evaluation in January from council members.

"Brian was evaluated by all members of city council and received an overall score of 4.67 out of a 5.0 rating scale," Wise said.

Dissette, who has served as city manager for South Haven for the past 12 years, was rated on his communication with the city council. professionalism with staff and the public, management skills, financial planning and budgeting, delivery of city services, and intergovernmental relations with surrounding communities.

Over the past year, the manager, along with council members, has dealt with a variety of issues, including implementation of the revised short-term rental ordinance, near-record water levels on Lake Michigan and the city's harbor, and a voter-led referendum to ban recreational marijuana businesses.

2 brothers rescued after falling through ice near Pullman

By HP STAFF

PULLMAN — Two longtime ice fishermen found out the hard way this past weekend that no ice is safe ice.

The men, 60- and 62-year-old brothers, were fishing Sunday afternoon on Lower Scott Lake when they fell through the ice, according to a report from the Allegan County Sheriff's Office.

First responders, including a Casco Township deputy who is on the county's dive rescue team, arrived at 4:24 p.m. Sunday, to find two men in the water and a third man using a small boat in an attempt to rescue them.

The deputy, along with a Michigan State Police trooper, got one of the men to shore after he had gotten on top of the ice. They then threw a rescue line to the second man. Once he was out of the water and onto the thin ice, they told him to flatten out and roll toward the shore until they could pull him to safety.

Lt. Brett Ensfield of the sheriff's office estimated the men had been in the water 20-30 minutes. They were checked by paramedics and showed signs of hypothermia and had small cuts from the ice but refused transport to a hospital, according to the sheriff's report.

The men had nearly 30 years of ice fishing experience but did not have any safety gear with them.

"We would like to remind everyone that no ice is safe ice," Ensfield said. "If you are going to venture out on a frozen lake or pond, we ask you to take reasonable

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SOUTH HAVEN SCHOOLS

Making the world a better place

Elementary school has supersized Random Acts of Kindness Week

By KIM INGALLS
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Launched in 1995, Random Acts of Kindness Week is an annual opportunity to unite people around the world through kindness.

At Maple Grove Elementary School in South Haven, students are taking it one step further by celebrating the event all month long.

"We were wanting to do some sort of kindness campaign but couldn't find one we really liked so we combined some ideas and created our own," explained Molly Brush, school secretary. "I made the chart for each student and made up the different kindness challenges." She then presented her proposal to school Principal Kim Cross.

Photo provided

Maple Grove Elementary students are taking Random Acts of Kindness Week one step further by celebrating it throughout February. Here, kindergarten students from Tera Crichton's class carry cards they wrote to put on their friends' lockers.

"She was on board from the very beginning," Brush said.

The goal, according to Brush, is for everyone to complete one act of kindness every school day, resulting in more than 7,000 random acts of kindness in one month. During the first

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GM to pull out of Australia, New Zealand and Thailand

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — General Motors decision to pull out of Australia, New Zealand and Thailand as part of a strategy to exit markets that don't produce adequate returns on investments raised dismay Monday from officials concerned over job losses.

The company said in a statement Sunday that it plans to wind down sales, engineering and design operations for its historic Holden brand in Australia and New Zealand in 2021. It also plans to sell its Rayong factory in Thailand to China's Great Wall Motors and withdraw the Chevrolet brand from Thailand by the end of this year.

"This is a very disappointing outcome," said Karen Andrews, Australia's minister for Industry, Science and Technology. She said it was unfortunate both because about 500 workers would loose their jobs, but also because "they only advised the government of this decision just before the announcement."

Dave Smith of the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union also expressed chagrin.

Workers at Holden had thought they'd "been through the worst of it, and that's not the case," Smith said. "For many of them their long-term workers have been very loyal to the company ... they've loved being part of the car industry, and now, it was such an iconic brand coming to an end; it'll mean an end to their jobs."

GM has 828 employees in Australia and New Zealand and another 1,500 in Thailand, the company said.

In Thailand, the decision to sell GM's plant in Rayong, south of Bangkok, may well end up being good news for workers there.

Great Wall Motors, a major maker of sport utility vehicles and pickups, said it intends to expand in Southeast Asia using the plant in Thailand as its base.

"We will also promote the development of the local supply chain, research and development and related industries, plus contribute more to the exchequer of both the local Rayong and Thailand governments," Great Wall's vice president for global strategy, Liu Xiangshang.

Thailand is still determined to be the "Detroit of Asia," Krichanont Iyapunya, a spokesman for the Ministry of Industry said. He said plant closures and openings happen constantly.

"The automobile industry must be adaptive," Krichanont said.

Liu, of Great Wall Motors, said the Thai expansion was part of the company's global push, following the launch of a plant in Tula in Russia in 2019 and plans to acquire GM's Talegaon plant in India.

Rob Griffith / AP file

A car drives past a car dealership of Holden, General Motors Co.'s Australian subsidiary, in Sydney, Australia, on Dec. 11, 2013. General Motors decision to pull out of Australia, New Zealand and Thailand as part of a strategy to exit markets that don't produce adequate returns on investments raised dismay Monday from officials concerned over job losses.

GM has struggled in Asia in the past year. Its International Operations, which include China, lost $200 million last year, including $100 million in the fourth quarter. It analyzed the business case for future production at the Rayong plant, but low utilization of its capacity and low sales volumes "made continued GM production at the site unsustainable," the company said.

GM's CEO, Mary Barra, said the company wants to focus on markets where it can drive strong returns, scaling back operations in Australia, New Zealand and Thailand to selling niche specialty vehicles. GM will support its employees and customers in the transition, she said.

GM is making the same moves in Japan, Russia and Europe, where "we don't have significant scale," she said.

"We are pursuing a niche presence by selling profitable high-end imported vehicles supported by a lean GM structure," International Operations Senior Vice President Julian Blissett said in the statement.

GM said it will honor all warranties in the markets, and it will continue to provide service and parts. Local operations also will handle recalls and any safety-related issues, the company said.

The Detroit automaker expects to take $1.1 billion worth of cash and noncash charges this year as it cuts operations in the three countries.

GM has a long history in Australia with the Holden brand, where cars were designed and sold in the U.S. and other markets. The 2008 and 2009 Pontiac G8 muscle car, for instance, was designed as a Holden Commodore and built in Australia. But Holden's market share, which was nearly 22 percent in 2002, fell to just over 4 percent last year.

GM President Mark Reuss, who once ran the Australian operations, said the company explored options to continue Holden, "but none could overcome the challenges of the investments needed for the highly fragmented right-hand-drive market, the economics to support growing the brand, and delivering an appropriate return on investment," he said in the statement.

National Weather Service Grand Rapids / TNS

"Ice volcanoes" erupt on Lake Michigan on Sunday.

Rare 'ice volcanoes' on Lake Michigan beach but may not stick around

By BISMA PARVEZ
Detroit Free Press

SAUGATUCK — The recent cold front has brought an interesting phenomenon to Lake Michigan: first ice balls, now ice volcanoes.

National Weather Service meteorologist Ernie Ostuno was able to capture some amazing photos of erupting ice volcanoes at Oval Beach in Saugatuck Sunday.

An ice volcano is a cone-shaped mound of ice formed over a terrestrial lake by the eruption of water and slush through an ice shelf.

"Ice volcanoes occur in locations in which waves hit accumulated ice on the shoreline with some force," said Cort Spholten, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service of Grand Rapids.

"We were cold enough to form ice on the shore of Lake Michigan and water had broken the surface of that ice," Spholten said. "The waves ... were strong enough so the water channels through, it squeezes water upwards and tosses the floating ice up. As it happens, over the course of hours or days, it forms a cone and it resembles a volcano."

According to Spholten, there have to be very specific conditions for the ice volcanoes to form.

"It needs to stay cold enough to keep the ice around and waves need to be large enough to force water upwards against the ice shelf," he said.

How long will it last?

"Today, winds from the southeast should diminish the waves. It's unlikely ice volcanoes will be seen today compared to yesterday, but it's not impossible," Spholten said.

However, ice volcanoes can also be dangerous especially when people climb on them. There may be no way to get out of the icy water if someone slips down the side of one of the mounds.

The ice volcanoes formed after another rare phenomenon on Lake Michigan.

On Friday, thousands of ice balls rolled up onto the lake shore. According to experts the weather conditions have to be just right: The temperatures are just below freezing along shallow beaches. Slush collects into round shapes and the waves sculpt ice chunks into orbs.

RICHTER

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Municipal League conduct a Classification and Compensation Study relative to village employee wages and benefits. Richter said the village decided to go with the Michigan Municipal League, not only because they've worked with them for a long time, but because their proposal was less than others.

Hibler said the MML will complete nine different tasks as it evaluates the different staff positions. He noted that village employees have already done some of the work by updating their job descriptions. At least two council members said they wanted to give input and Hibler said he would schedule at least one council workshop.

Also Monday, council members approved an updated second amendment to the wastewater service agreement between the village and Oronoko Township. The update reflects changes made since the bid for the Honor Credit Union sewer extension project came in and the funding formula changed.

Members amended the current year budget to reflect the new $23,500 marketing contract with Sunset Coast Media Marketing, plus the last $5,025 payment of the village's branding contract with Midwest Family Broadcasting.

A new ethics ordinance was approved that Hibler said puts in writing what the village has already been doing. It outlines the conflicts of interest disclosures council members need to make, as well as sets of a three-member ethics board made up of council members that would hear concerns and make recommendations to the full council.

KINDNESS

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week of February, Michele Johnson, the school success coach, presented the idea to students and teachers in each grade level.

Celebrated this year from Feb. 17-23, National Random Acts of Kindness Week has grown in popularity each year. It is celebrated by individuals, groups and organizations, nationwide, to encourage acts of kindness. It makes people feel good, it's a totally free pastime and, as the Random Act of Kindness Foundation points out, it's one of the only things in the world that doubles when you share it. Kindness, it reports, increases Oxytocin – also known as "the love hormone," energy, happiness and lifespan. Performing a kind act also decreases pain, stress, anxiety and depression.

"February can be a dreary month with not much sunshine, so we wanted to brighten up the day of others by doing these small random acts daily," Brush said. "The quote we use for this is, 'If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we might just set the world in the right direction."

Each preschool through third-grade student received their own kindness chart that has one suggestion per day. Some of the ideas include picking up a piece of trash or telling the school janitor "thank you."

"It was really challenging to think of kind things for the students to do," Brush admitted. "Maple Grove follows the 'Four B's daily: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Nice.' We are always talking with students about looking for ways to follow the Four B's. Being kind just fits right into it."

The charts are used to track progress. When one act is completed, it is marked off on the chart. Students are also decorating the building's main hallway with paper chains representing each act of kindness.

"Everyone has seemed really excited about it," Brush said. "It is so neat to hear the students talk about the kind things they were going to do that day and the things they have already done."

IN BRIEF

League of Women Voters sets town hall

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties will hold a "Making Democracy Work" town hall style meeting next week.

The town hall, free and open to the public, will allow voters to learn more about Michigan's new voting rights, early voting, and expanded voter registration.

The event is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Berrien RESA Administrative Conference Center, 711 St. Joseph Ave., Berrien Springs.

It is made possible by a grant from the League of Women Voters Education Fund. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan group.

Michigan aerospace companies seek new markets in Mexico

LANSING (AP) —Leaders of seven Michigan companies with ties to the aerospace industry are joining state officials on a trip to Mexico in search of new export opportunities.

They'll take part in a three-day program beginning Tuesday that's designed to match potential buyers, partners and distributors.

"This trade mission will open doors for Michigan companies with a key trade partner by connecting them with aerospace commodity buyers from Mexico," said Jeff Mason, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

The Mexican aerospace market has provided customers for Michigan companies, particularly small and medium-sized manufacturers of products not available in Mexico.

The Pure Michigan Business Connect program has helped dozens of equipment makers and suppliers line up deals in Mexico, generating more than $25 million since 2013.

KROTZER

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the two remaining candidates should volunteer to take Krotzer's posts on the planning commission and board of review. Hurst agreed to take the planning commission post, Johnson agreed to be on the board of review, and the township board voted unanimously to appoint them to fill those vacancies.

Krotzer has lived in Baroda Township since January 1990. He retired in March 2011 as a Whirlpool Corp. project manager.

Krotzer is a graduate of Western Michigan University and served in the U.S. Army from 197-73. He also belongs to the Baroda American Legion Post and the Baroda Lions Club.

Harner, who had been active in Baroda Township and village government, died in January.

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safety precautions."

Those precautions include:

■ Telling someone where you are going and when you plan to return

■ Bringing proper safety gear to the fishing site, such as a cell phone or radio, personal flotation device, ice picks, whistle, flashlight, floating rescue rope, ice cleats or creepers, ice fishing suit, hat and mittens.

■ Do not walk out on less than 4 inches of clear ice.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Department was assisted in the rescue by the state police, Department of Natural Resources, Lee and Clyde Township fire departments, and Fennville AMR.

Bridgman Public Schools Announces

Kindergarten & Progressive 5's Round-Up

Enrollment packets may be picked up at the Bridgman Elementary School office February 24-28, 2020, 8-3pm & February 26, 2020, 5-6:30pm.

Information about the district's readiness screening program in March will also be available.
All new K/P5 students will be screened.

• Children need to be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2020 to qualify for either program.
• Parents should bring the child's certified (courthouse issued) birth certificate, up-to-date immunization card, and proof of residency if a Bridgman School District Resident (rental agreement, tax statement, etc.) to enroll.
• Parents unable to attend registration should contact the school office at (269) 466-0241.

Additional information is on our website: www.bridgmanschools.com

hp OUR TOWN

Have news for 'Our Town'?

Do you have some news about your hometown that you would like to see in the paper? Send it to "Our Town" in care of Features Editor Andy Steinke at The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; deliver it to 3450 Hollywood Road; fax it to The HP at 429-4398; or send email to focus@TheHP.com. Timely news about upcoming events should be received two weeks prior to the events.

Berrien Community Foundation donates to FONT

Photo provided

Friends of New Troy board members recently received an $8,000 check from the Berrien Community Foundation for its restrooms renovation project at the New Troy Community Center. Foundation Program Manager Susan Matheney and her assistant, Morgan Callahan, second and fourth from left, presented the check to FONT board members, from left, Terry Hanover, Donald Heitsch, Al Nuti and Jenny Gabbard.

Reading challenge winner announced

One hundred twenty Van Buren District Library patrons logged 136,269 minutes of reading during the #WinterRead2020 Challenge in January.

The annual challenge, sponsored by Beanstack and Penguin Random House, encourages schools and libraries across the country to vie for more than $50,000 in prizes, including author visits and new books.

VBDL's grand prize winner, MaryKate Compton of Gobles, received a swag bag that included gift cards from Amazon and Barnes & Noble, a Yeti insulated tumbler, and a pair of wireless Bluetooth headphones.

VBDL's next online event is March Book Madness 2020. Thirty-two current novels are competing against 32 classics for a spot in the VBDL March Book Madness Hall of Fame.

Photo provided

#WinterRead2020 grand prize winner MaryKate Compton of Gobles, at left, stands with and Antwerp Sunshine Branch Librarian Kayla Jellies.

Last year's winner was "Charlotte's Web" by E. B. White. Round one begins Saturday.

For more information, call 423-4771 or email info@vbdl.org.

IN BRIEF

Lions Club accepting scholarships apps

STEVENSVILLE — The Lakeshore Lions Club now is accepting applications for its $2,400 scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who lives in the Lakeshore school district.

Applications are available in counselors' offices at Lakeshore, Lake Michigan Catholic and Michigan Lutheran high schools, and at Andrews Academy.

Applications must be returned to the Lions Club by April 15. For questions, contact Judy Weage at 605-3374 or jweage@yahoo.com.

Clark retirees meeting Wednesday

BUCHANAN — The Clark Salaried Retirees Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Buchanan Area Senior Center, 810 Rynearson St.

Buchanan Township Clerk Sheila Reitz will talk about the role of a township clerk and about recent developments in the township.

Retired salaried employees of Clark Equipment Co., and Clark Credit Union are eligible for membership.

For more information, call Don Ryman at 695-6552.

Library hosts plant hanger workshop

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman Public Library, 4460 Lake St., will host a knots and pots macramé workshop from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 28.

Participants will make a macramé plant-hanger custom fit to an original ceramic pot of their choice. Free pots will be provided by NHM Ceramics, and knots will be provided by The Knotted Cat. All levels of macrame experience are welcome to attend.

Registration is required, and class size is limited to 14 adults.

For more info, or to reserve a spot, call 465-3663.

SJ library hosts 'Fun With Chalk'

ST. JOSEPH — Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market St., will host "Fun With Chalk" from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday for first- through third-graders.

There will be crafts and activities with chalk, popcorn and punch.

Registration is required by calling 983-7167.

Questers president to show jewelry

ST. JOSEPH — Michigan Questers President Connie Yore will visit the St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Center, 3271 Lincoln Ave., at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

She will share favorite pieces from her vintage jewelry collection dating from the 1850s to 1970s.

Attendees may bring jewelry for Yore to identify. She will not be giving appraisals.

Senior center programs are for those 60 and older.

To register for an event, call 429-7768.

Mobile SOS visits Lawrence library

LAWRENCE — The Secretary of State Mobile Office will visit Lawrence Branch Library, 212 N. Paw Paw St., from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday.

The mobile office allows you to: renew driver's licenses and ID cards, obtain license plates and tabs, title and register vehicles and watercraft, register to vote, and change your address, renew up to six months in advance

No forms are needed beforehand, and the mobile office is accessible to those with disabilities.

For more information, call 674-3200.

Mobile food pantry returns Wednesday

STEVENSVILLE — The Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry will be at the Lincoln Township Fire Station, 2130 W. John Beers Road, from 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

CASA receives $3,500 grant

BENTON HARBOR — CASA of Southwest Michigan has been awarded a $3,500 professional development grant from the National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem (CASA/GAL) Association for Children.

CASA of Southwest Michigan recruits, trains and supports volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect.

The grant will pay for coursework and other costs leaders incur to develop the skills to better serve children who have a CASA/GAL advocate.

CASA of Southwest Michigan's services are provided for free.

ON CAMPUS

President's list

The following area students have been named to the Lake Michigan College president's list.

Bangor – Elena Guel, Jenrry Medina Demetrio, Samantha Zordan

Benton Harbor – Kolen Adams, Alexandra Arrans, Charles Johan, Pamela Johnson, Kayla Jones, Joanne Lewis, Dmitri Oehling, Wesley Pleyer, Thomas Schneider, Aiden Schnell, Kevin Skorupa, Yulian Tarantino, Carolyn Turak

Berrien Springs – Ugochi Emmanuel, Aaron Foster, Katherine Gaytan, Ray Haack, Yoon-Joo Jeong, Alexa Kesterke, Alysia Mongkau, Adriana Moura, Jeffrey Saelee

Bridgman – Michaela Catania, Amber Olando, Luke Osburn, Rebecca Walker

Buchanan – Lucille Arbanas, Brendan Dodson, Lauren Hogue, Madelyn Kitchell, Kenneth Stuckey

Coloma – Kylee Bailey, Andrea Collins, Caleb Dahlke, Emily Greenman, Nicholas Hatton

Dowagiac – Haley Spencer

Eau Claire – Joshua Peppel

Galien – Logan Payne

Hartford – Gerald Daniels, Mariela Gutierrez Quintana, Amalia Perez

New Buffalo – Eric Ransom

Niles – Claudine Bayles, Willow Brawley, Deborah Stevens

St. Joseph – Kennedy Crow, Noah Hayden, Patrick Mathis, Elizabeth Nestle, Jordan Sanderson, Christopher Schmidt, Ashli Scruggs, Austin Sweeney, Eric Vance, Yuxin Wang, Jared Willer

Sawyer – Damion Miller

Sodus – Neil Boreczky

South Haven – Jessica Calderon, Andis Klavins, Alicia Watkins

Stevensville – Emma Breitkreuz, Kenton Green, Jeffrey Herrman, Andrew Jager, Samuel Jager, Creighton Lee, Peggy O'Neill, Karen Smith, Philip Timmreck, Hannah Walsh, Joshua Wetzel

Watervliet – Tyler Pennington, Mary Steltner

Dean's list

The following area students have been named to the Lake Michigan College dean's list.

Bangor – Ivan Mejia, Susan Strasser

Baroda – Jessica Walker

Benton Harbor – Keairra Autry, Henry Cooks, John Crumb, Javari Flie, Sydney Gardner, Mackenzie Grant, Jaylen Lanier, Casey Linares, Adriana Nerio, Hannah Nye, Amber Radde

Berrien Center – Morgan Tourangeau

Berrien Springs – Michael Achianor, Matthew Engler, Shane Gaban, Jacqueline Medrano, Harold Milliner, Nathaniel Pittman, Jonathan Romero, Gabriel Shembarger

Bridgman – Madison Catania, Lauren McCall, Sean Stevens

Buchanan – Hannah Donnelly, Matthew Kennedy, Sydney Payne, Cynthia Shepardson

Coloma – Lyndsey Arny, Luis Cervantes, Jillian Delke, Nayeli Hernandez, Faith Hester, Narelle Hickmon, Jaidyn Hutsell, Paige Massey-Orlando

Covert – Francisco Pahuamba

Dowagiac – Andrea Payne

Eau Claire – Jose Manzano Canales, Serena Sommer, Mercedes Woodward-VanTuyle

Galien – Hunter Rochefort

Grand Junction – Nancy Furlan

Hartford – Christopher DeFord, Tyler Gendron, Aaron Palomo, Russell Smith

Lawrence – Stephanie Arant-Truelove, Abby Matheny, Cassandra Tule

Niles – Megan Adkerson, Matthew Baker, Jorden Hess, James Norris, Sydney Prillwitz, Alexis Reynolds, Teigan Seiler, Kinsley Worke, Shawn Wozniak

St. Joseph – Baylee Bonds, Madeline Dale, Cameron Dalrymple, Emiliano Diaz-Martinez, Angela Forestieri, Miles Franck, Isabelle Gallagher, Bradley Gaver, Janelle Gehrke, Shane Jones, Haley Kutchie, Juliet La Foe, Tina Nguyen, Fouzia Rahman, Ryan Stevens, Nils Weisphal, Jimmy Wu

South Haven – Lizbeth Alcaraz, Wenona Campbell, Hunter DeVries, Austin Norman, Rachael Sondgerath, Katie Trantham, Emily Watson

Stevensville – Alexander Abarca, Nicole Chartrand, Cory Drollinger, Mathew Gooding, Joseph Halcombe, Jennifer Stelter, Andrew Zehm

Three Oaks – Thomas Krieger, Madison Vollman

Watervliet – Heather Frank, Courtney Little

Part-time dean's list

The following area students have been named to the Lake Michigan College part-time dean's list.

Bangor – Andrew Cervantes, Juliana DeVisser, Jennifer Garcia, Stephanie Hicks, Kylee Krull, Antwuan Langston, Anise Montoya

Baroda – Tracie Burtchett, Mable Friedman, Hannah Harlan, Jacob Houser, Kennedy Kracker, Daniel Krosschell, Vanessa Martinez, Morgan Matlack, Ethan Weldert

Benton Harbor – Lythia Baroi, Henry Bell, Tiffany Bradley, Paula Camp, Zaida Castillo, Jasmin Closson, Brody Crowder, Tillies Cummings, Michael Danneffel, Jamila Foriest, Jade Fowler, Gregory Garrison, Casie Gohr, Morgan Gruss, Violette Hall, Ziniyah Henderson, Rylie Hess, Maggie Hines, Takia Hipps, Nuttanan Ibarra, Jessica Isbrecht, Ashley Jones, Chakeemala Jones', Korey Jones, Rubi Langham, Caitlyn Lemoine, Anastasia Letourneau, Vanessa Martinez, Darlene Mattson, Jenyse McGinnis, Daniel Moore, Madison Murphy, Faviola Ramirez-Mata, Raquel Rose, Daniel Schoeneich, Tarasja Sisson, Vincent Skorupa, Aiden Stormont, Ella Taylor, Sherry Thompson, Jae Walker, Jamon Walker, Tristan Wright, Sharon Yarbrough, Brenda Young

Berrien Center – Tagin Raschke, Aaron Snider, Garrett West

Berrien Springs – Ellen Achianor, Nadege Adamou, Elizabeth Adesina, Jacklyn Alsbro, Kiana Bartloff, Jacob Belin, Johna Belin, Alyssa Burke, Kaitlyn Clark, Matthew Grimm, Caelan Heiss, Frederick Holden, Katelyn Hubbard, Patrick Hunt, Faith Kittleson, Naomi Kumwenda, Avion Lall, Octavio Latino, Rhonda Leak, Juwon Lee, Fadhili Makimu, Carly Mazigian, Shekinah Mbwanbo, Brittany McClelland, Samantha McElligott, Marshall McFarland, Zachary Meyer, Nicklas Nelson, Scotland Philip, Presley Prabhu, Samuel Ruiz-Vilca, Tracy Ryan, Shirso Sarker, Skyler Sawle, Tamara Schacknies, Olivia Scherer, Tristan Sheppler, Sherdal Shoemaker, Zachary Wilson

Bridgman – Shawn Anderson, Janet Davis, Caleb Doehrer, Jennifer Gambino, Jerica Hairston, Brooke Hare, Courtney Hays, Kennedy Jones, Miranda Jones, Samuel Jones, Lena MacMartin, Lisa Martinak, Alexandria Mast, Kyle Oviatt, Jared Russell, Grace Sanderson, Rachel Scharnowske, Matthew Starkey, Elizabeth Winter

Buchanan – Meikelle Andrews, Lauren Astudillo, Rylen Baker, Melinda Batey, Mary Becvar, Maria Bouzas, Jack Branch, Kelly Brown, Peyton Cavanaugh, Joebe Cronin, Katie DeVlaminck, Kellie DeVlaminck, Haley Dey, Danielle Ernsberger, Keith Gallegos, Kollin Gallegos, Mark Gitersonke, Hannah Hall, Abigail Hickok, Nora Kaltenbach, Brenton Kimbrell, Brandon Kirkendall, Brighton Lee, Cole Lee, Catherine Lietz, Emily Long, Brianna Martin, Caden Mattingly, Grace Overmyer, Miranda Pierce, Kathryn Schau, Lilliilona Shafer, Anna Tobler, Sherrie Tucker, Hannah Vergon, Ashlee Wagner

Coloma – Amanda Allen, Stefanie Brule, Marie Cowgill, Ariel DeLaTorre, Trent Dowe, Kayla Dykstra, Jarred Fish, Carlos Hernandez, Sara Krieger, Elizabeth Pelate, Cole Pline, Daniel Pudell, Samantha Rogers, Gregory Schrubba, Philip Slack, Lisa Sutton, Katie Swisher, Vendan Workman, Marshall Zavoral

Covert – Emma Weber, Erica Karr, Adan Moreno, Stephen Parrigin, Jenelle Ross, Aloniea Yancey

Decatur – Matthew Mowell, Emilee Smith

Dowagiac – Vic Bloomer, Lucas Bowen, Carlos Ledesma, Austin Race, Erica Ross

Eau Claire – Rachel Disterheft, Tamara Gilson, Anna Lechleitner, Kaitlyn Matthews, Michael Slack, Brigg True, Jonathan Upson, Maggie Upson, Brandy Wells

Edwardsburg – Cassandra Lyvere, Kennedie Rogers, Jaleigh Walker

Galien – Lincoln Dobson, Emma Lozmack, Sophia Lozmack

Grand Junction – Chris Garrison, Madison Pratt, Tyler Starbuck, Melanie Ulen, Chara Viktora

Harbert – Abigail Folsom, William Korbel

Hartford – Luis Barcenas-Perez, Jessica Cardoso, Dawn DiMatteo-Kemmer, Lainey Goodson, Benjamin Myers, Sarah Rice, Joel Soto, Emily Wilson

Lawrence – Brian Wagner, Arek Bak, Cristian Bernabe-Parra, Kyle Bowen, Lauryn Crandall, Lizabeth Edson, Hannah Lanphear, Abraham Robles, Emily Stroud, Gavin Winkel

Lawton – Carly Lynch, Randi Moerman

Niles – Virginia Alcala, Alexandria Baker, Ruth Barbour, Daniel Bates, Josiah Bullard, Kennedy Byrd, Ashley Connors, Erica Cutter, Morgan Dale, Alisha DeHart, Krishna Devdhara, Brandi Downing, Bethany Duval, Brianna Elms, Karl Erdman, Madelynn Fietzek, Abigail Fruk, Brandy Fry, Nolan Garrard, Jacob Gondeck, Drew Gourlay, Derek Guy, Chelsey Hatch, Abigail Hays, Breeana Hendershot, Dana Herron, Isabella Hertsel, Destiny Hill, Searra Inman, Lilly Jackson, Caleb Janowski, Jennifer Kohler, Sabrina Leonard, Ananda Lewis, Lauren Ludwig, Jackson Lyden, Parker Lyden, Ariel Malakar, Alysa Marlin, Courtney Meyers, Madison Millar, Erin Moore, Thomas Nate, Joshua Newport, Madison Newport, David Ntsiful, Oskar Olalde, Kaleb Ott, Hannah Pittman, Levi Powell, Brock Prenkert, Hunter Riggins, Franchesca Rivera, Maysa Rollf, Brad Roman, Sullivan Rudolph, Sarah Ryan, Megan Schmidt, Allison Scott, Shaylee Smith, Ariel Surface, Kaylee Thompson, Samantha Thompson, Emelyn Tucker, Christopher Wegner, Brooklyn Wetzel, Kenley Witherspoon, William Wolverton, Jamie Yike, Tamlin le Roux

Paw Paw – Lauren Agnone, Roy Jackson, Samantha Macias, Kaylei Mead, Oli Moss, Libbee Nason

St. Joseph – Zachary Bascom, Daniel Berghoff, Alexandra Bush, Heidi Carlton, Tyler Criss, Tavion Crump, Juliana Do Nascimento Flores Schmatz, Anne Doyle, Ronda Dunn, Jordyn Elsner, Alexis Finch, Gabriel Harrmann, Liliana Hart, Tieasha Henry, Cynthia Horner, Dustin Jenkins, Brook Johnson, Shawn Johnson, Patrick Jordan, Nicole Kessman, Fabian Kirberg, Reid Kohn, Whitney Kyles, Ashlyn Lieberg, Charles Mulliner, Kimberly Myers, Pauline Ngonyani, Grace Ondrias, Whitney Ostyn, Dawn Parsons, Smokey Phillips, Ellie Purchase, James Saad, Arron Schaffer, Daniele Sortino, Sherri Swierbut, Jacob Taylor, Robert Tofil, Ciera Traylor, Laura Tschetter, Shelby Turner, Brittani Watson, Alaina Wells, Caitlyn White, Christopher Wigginton, Alexa Wright, Ivy Zaroff, Stephen Zwar

Sawyer – Levi Galanda, Kayla Kissinger, Abigail Luther, Maria Patino, Joseph Schmidt, Hunter Vines

Sodus – Vanessa Rojo

South Haven – Maria Beck, Shylanta Beck, Leah Bennett, Lauren Bettis, Loni Blanchard, Heather Brewington, Eric Burgoyne, Holli Dannenberg, Drexal Haner, William Hasted, Alexander Marovec, Robert Olsen, Kamren Rachac, Jenna Ridley, Hayden Rooker, Alexander Rummel, Kylie Shelton, Kyla Toney, Makaelee Turco, Hans Wagner, Seth Webster

Stevensville – Conner Annis, Bailey Bingham, Ryan Bluschke, Spencer Brown, Courtney Chartrand, Madison Daniel, Brooke Elmore, Ethan Faris, Cierra Iverson, Kyle Johnson, Emily Miazga, Jacqueline Nate, Katie O'Neal, Sophie Paar, Bridget Prince, Sara Scharnowske, Jonathan Smith, Matthew Swartzendruber, Elizabeth Tumpane, Thomas Vlach, Leila Wheaton, Hannah Whitt, Charlotte Witt

Three Oaks – Kasondra Kaiser, Victoria Riley, Emma Springer, Keegan Stocks-McElligott, Keela Woodrick

Union Pier – Thomas Kucera

Watervliet – Kimberly Adams, Ryan Baumeister, Ashley Bumstead, Jakub Gitersonke, Kristina Gitersonke, Augustus Hinch, Jennifer Howard, Katelynn Maruk, Robert Morris, Trever Pelton, Kelly Pond, Brittany Rogers, Kirstie Sexton, Kyah Sexton, Marissa Testini, Susanna Van Lente, Brian Zastko

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Diversity is Dems' strength and their challenge

E.J. Dionne

When Sen. Amy Klobuchar broke through in the New Hampshire primary, relegating Sen. Elizabeth Warren to single digits and fourth place, the Massachusetts Democrat could not have been more gracious toward her party rival from Minnesota.

"I … want to congratulate my friend and colleague, Amy Klobuchar," Warren declared, "for showing just how wrong the pundits can be when they count a woman out."

It was part of an eloquent call for party unity in which Warren warned Democrats not to engage in "a long bitter rehash of the same old divides in our party," and spoke with concern about a willingness "to burn down the rest of the party in order to be the last man standing."

A speech that Democrats needed to hear got almost no coverage. So given what gets play (and Warren's longstanding skepticism of financial institutions), it's unsurprising that Warren directed some sharp criticism toward former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Thursday. Warren excoriated Bloomberg for once saying that anti-redlining laws prohibiting discrimination against minority neighborhoods had helped cause the great financial crash of 2008.

"Anyone who thinks that," she said, "should not be the leader of our party."

So much for unity, you might say. Nonetheless, the party should not forget Warren's earlier insistence that in the face of President Trump's abuses of power, "we cannot afford to fall into factions, we can't afford to squander our collective power."

But it is Warren's call to sisterhood that deserves more notice, partly as it relates to another underdiscussed divide in the party. One of the most striking findings of a New Hampshire exit poll suggested that women candidates actually do face electability concerns from voters that male candidates do not.

The Edison Media poll asked voters this: "If the Democratic nominee is a woman, do you think that it would make it easier to beat Trump, harder to beat Trump" or make "No difference."

The poll found that only 9 percent thought that being a woman would make it easier to beat Trump. Nearly four times as many – 34 percent – thought being a woman would make it harder, and 55 percent said it would make no difference.

This gender issue appears to have affected outcomes in New Hampshire, particularly in the battle for second place between former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, who won the slot, and Klobuchar, who ran third.

The small group that saw a benefit to nominating a woman overwhelmingly favored Klobuchar over Buttigieg, 37 percent to 17 percent, and she also ran ahead of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt, in this group. It gave the primary victor just 22 percent. Warren trailed badly with only 6 percent. To the extent there was a pro-woman vote it appears that Klobuchar, not Warren, was its beneficiary.

But in the much larger share that saw a woman as having electoral liabilities, Buttigieg bested Klobuchar 23 percent to 16 percent, with Sanders winning 30 percent.

The race was a virtual tie among those who said gender made no difference: 25 percent for Sanders and 23 percent each for Buttigieg and Klobuchar.

There are limits on using exit polls to measure causality - whether a given answer accounts for why people voted as they did, or whether voters offer an answer that conforms to the choice they made for other reasons.

But it's hard to deny that gender mattered to the New Hampshire outcome, and it will be part of the larger challenge Democrats face this year in avoiding the incapacitating factionalism that Warren counseled against.

Face it, Democrats: You are the diverse party and Republicans are the homogeneous party. Democrats include moderates and the left; Republicans are almost uniformly conservative. Among their elected officials Democrats are the party of racial and gender diversity; Republicans aren't. In the House, 37.9 percent of Democratic members are women, and 36.6 percent are African-American or Latino. The numbers for the GOP: 6.6 percent women, 3.6 percent black or Latino.

Diversity is a source of pride for Democrats. But that pride must be matched by patience among the party's ideological factions and its many different social groups, and by an embrace of the equal dignity of all members. The most important philosophical battles and group conflicts will be fought out among Democrats because Republicans, by the very nature of who they are, stand detached from these struggles.

Fighting exclusion while building electorally-necessary solidarity isn't easy. But for Democrats, there is no other option.

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ANOTHER OPINION

The free press is in jeopardy

A free society cannot function without vibrant professional newspapers. In light of that truism, the latest dire news for the news business – that McClatchy newspapers, publisher of The Kansas City Star and almost 30 other newspapers in 14 states across America, is filing for bankruptcy – should worry every American who cares about our democracy. In this era of politicians who too often see accurate information as the enemy, real journalism needs all the public support it can get.

The chain's bankruptcy plan does give it breathing room from $700 million in debt to strengthen its digital business while operating under the control of its longtime creditor, hedge fund Chatham Asset Management. Hedge fund control of newspapers is a concerning trend, given the funds' penchant for slashing labor-intensive journalism operations to goose short-term profits. Meanwhile, the consolidation of thousands of previously separate, often family-owned newspapers under a relative handful of corporate owners raises dire questions about journalistic independence.

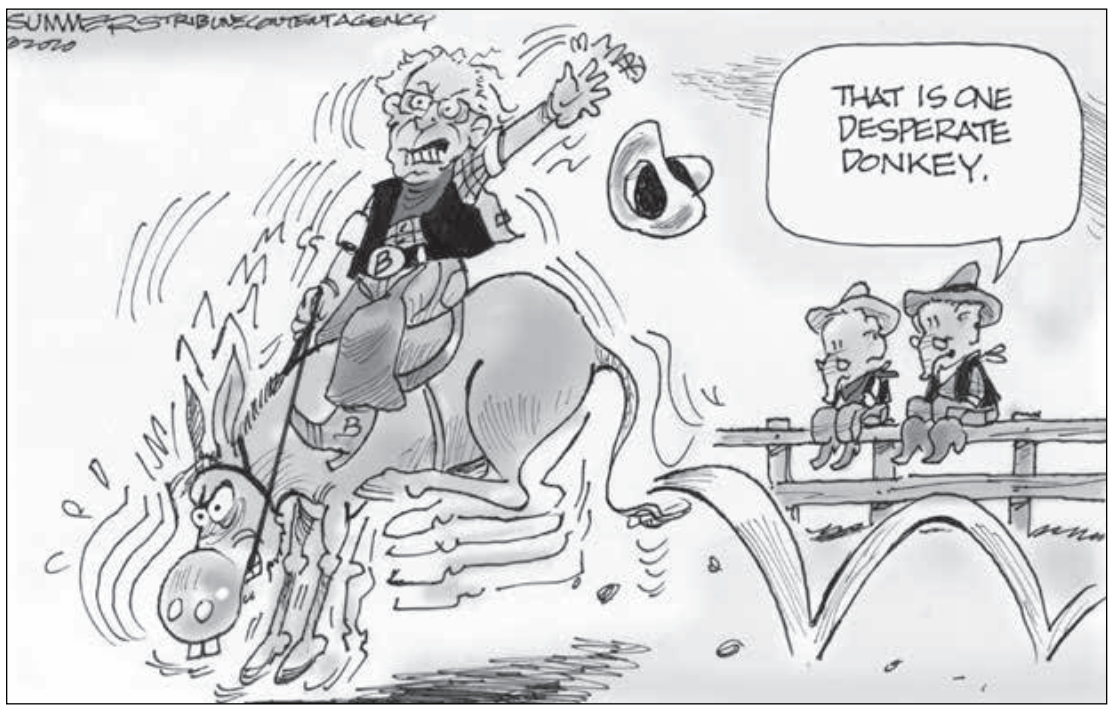
At the root of the problem lies the internet, which has flooded society with so much free information that getting people to pay for it via newspaper subscriptions is an increasingly difficult pitch. There's a huge difference between serious professional journalism offered by newspapers and the unreliable or irrelevant (or worse) noise that fills so much of cyberspace under the "news" label. An information-inundated public doesn't always see the difference.

A president who routinely denigrates real journalism while promoting internet lies doesn't help, but this crisis long predates Donald Trump. According to a report last year by PEN America, weekday U.S. newspaper circulation since 2008 has fallen by about 36 percent.

"One problem with losing local coverage is that we never know what we don't know," notes Washington Post media columnist Margaret Sullivan. "Corruption can flourish, taxes can rise, public officials can indulge their worst impulses."

We wish the best for our competitor-colleagues at McClatchy and we encourage their readers to keep reading – and subscribing. McClatchy's problems, and those of the entire newspaper industry, are unlike other evolutionary market changes because of their unique threat to democracy. When the horse-drawn buggy gave way to the automobile, craftsmen lost their livelihoods and a way of life disappeared, but it didn't endanger the healthy functioning of our republic. This does.

– St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Who will be the un-Bernie?

Doyle McManus

The Democratic Party establishment – what's left of it, anyway – is hoping someone can stop Bernie Sanders and his progressive horde from capturing the party's presidential nomination.

"I don't know how you win an election (at) 78 years old, screaming in a microphone about the revolution," said James Carville, a former aide to President Bill Clinton, in an especially pungent expression of the old guard's anxiety. "It's like we're losing our damn minds."

But Carville and other party elders have two problems as they look for a way to influence the race: They haven't agreed on which non-Bernie candidate to favor. And even if they did, it's not clear how many voters would listen.

Sanders has a strong shot at winning for an old-fashioned reason: Even though he's not the first choice of most Democrats, he's won more votes than any other candidate.

In Iowa, he essentially tied for first place with Pete Buttigieg. In New Hampshire, he narrowly defeated the 38-year-old former mayor of South Bend, Ind.

If non-Bernie voters continue to scatter their choices, Sanders will consolidate his hold on first place, even if he only wins about a quarter of the votes, which is what he got in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Again, most Democratic voters aren't Sanders fans or socialists. A CBS News study found a three-way ideological divide: about one third described themselves as "very liberal," which is Sanders' base; another third said they were "somewhat liberal," and the last third called themselves "moderate" or "conservative." In other words, die-hard progressives are a minority.

So Democratic leaders who are not Sanderistas are hoping next Saturday's Nevada caucuses and the South Carolina primary a week later will produce a clear surge for one of the candidates they consider more electable: Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar or Joe Biden.

Klobuchar, who finished a surprising third in New Hampshire, has emerged as their hope-of-the-week: more experienced than Buttigieg, a better campaigner than the flagging Biden.

"She's smart, she has a strong track record, she's electable," argued Elaine Kamarck, another former Clinton aide.

But Klobuchar is still unproven. Her third-place finish in New Hampshire was her best showing so far. In a Nevada poll last week, she tied Buttigieg for fifth place with 10 percent.

In New Hampshire, Klobuchar was boosted by a strong performance in the final debate. A lot may hang on whether she performs as well at the next debate in Las Vegas on Wednesday.

That may also be the first debate to include Michael R. Bloomberg, the former mayor of New York who has spent more than $200 million to elbow his way into the competition.

Bloomberg will be on ballots beginning on March 3 – Super Tuesday – when 14 states including California hold primaries that will choose more than a third of the elected delegates to the Democrats' convention.

And that opens the way to a prospect that gives establishment Democrats nightmares: a split for the un-Bernie vote among Bloomberg, Klobuchar, Buttigieg – plus, if they manage to stay alive, Biden and Elizabeth Warren.

Berniecrats are already worried that the establishment is plotting to stop him, as they believe it did in 2016. They've complained that the Democratic National Committee unfairly changed the debate rules to help Bloomberg.

But it's not clear that the establishment is capable of intervening effectively.

A generation ago, party leaders could tip the scales by endorsing a favorite candidate. If former President Barack Obama threw his support to Biden, Buttigieg or Klobuchar, that might sway some votes – although of course, Obama's support wasn't enough to elect Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Endorsements don't count as much as they once did. Voters who once relied on politicians for advice now have direct access to information – and disinformation – through the internet.

The other traditional avenue of influence was fundraising: Big donors could make one or two candidates viable, and starve others of resources.

But that's changed, too. Sanders has raised more than $121 million almost entirely from small-dollar donors. Bloomberg isn't asking anyone for money at all.

Besides, party leaders are reluctant to intervene in a way that would alienate Sanders supporters, since their votes will be crucial in November even if he's not the nominee.

"They seem to know they don't want Sanders, but they can't do much about it," said Hans Noel, a political scientist at Georgetown University who studies the role of parties in the nominating process.

Still, there's one last, unusual scenario under which party leaders could exert some influence: delegate-swapping.

If no one amasses a majority of delegates during the primaries, several candidates could try to cut bargains before the Democratic convention in Milwaukee in mid-July. For example, a candidate in third or fourth place could drop out and release his or her delegates, which would free them to vote for anyone else.

If there's no winner on the first ballot, the party's "superdelegates" – mostly elected officials and party activists – get to join in later voting. The DNC adopted those rules in 2018 in a compromise that Sanders approved.

So the establishment might make its voice heard after all.

But those hypothetical plot twists are months away. Until then, the choice is out of the establishment's control and up to the voters. Like it or not, the Democrats are going to have to solve their problem through democracy.

Doyle McManus is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

The Astros' apology? Not accepted

Steve Chapman

The Houston Astros have gotten a lot of criticism lately, but they may also have a business opportunity. They could work out a marketing promotion with Reese's, maker of those peanut butter cups, whose ad slogan is: "Not sorry."

Oh, they say they're sorry, just as losing Academy Award nominees force themselves to smile and applaud for the winners. But their contrition is about as convincing as Pete Rose's hair dye. When Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman stepped forward to apologize at a Thursday press conference, they looked as though they were making a hostage video.

"I'm really sorry about the choices that were made by my team, by the organization and by me," said Bregman. "I've learned from this and I hope to regain the trust of baseball fans." Altuve assured the audience that everyone in the organization "feels bad about what happened in 2017."

You gotta love their phrasing: "The choices that were made" and "what happened in 2017." The systematic, extended use of electronic surveillance and communication to sabotage opposing teams – well, they made it sound like an unfortunate rain shower that happened to fall on them. "We cheated every chance we got, and the cheating won us a World Series" would have been a more honest formulation.

"I've learned from this" and "feels bad" have a charming vagueness. Did Bregman learn the importance of greater secrecy in foul play? Is Altuve pained that everyone now regards him as a thief? Neither player appeared to be wracked by conscience.

Owner Jim Crane minimized the crime as irrelevant. "Our opinion is, you know, that this didn't impact the game," he said with serene calm. "We won the World Series and we'll leave it at that."

Yes, we were at the bank wielding guns when it was robbed, and yes, we have bags filled with bundles of cash, but we don't think we owe our wealth to the robbery. And we'll leave it at that.

The cheating involved a mix of modern video and primitive communication, with a TV monitor near the dugout showing the catcher's signs and a guy banging on a trash can to indicate to the batter what pitch was coming. The commissioner's report said the scheme was "player-driven," but an investigation by The Wall Street Journal found widespread guilt: "The Astros' rule-breaking permeated the entire organization, involving executives, coaches and players."

Professional sports teams are results-oriented, so it's safe to say that if this program didn't "impact" games, it would have been scrapped. The obvious reason players were so happy to make use of it is that it made a difference.

The Journal notes that one internal email commended Marwin Gonzalez for doing "the best job with getting this info." The utility player had his best season in 2017. His reward was a $21 million contract with the Minnesota Twins, who might have paid less had they known more.

But don't worry: Gonzalez apologized. "I'm remorseful for everything that happened in 2017," he said Tuesday – though not, perhaps, for what happened in 2019, when the Brink's truck arrived to unload his windfall.

It's plain that if they had the chance to do it over, the Astros would behave differently. They would try much, much harder to avoid getting caught. Since they were caught, they can bring themselves to utter a few banal words of feigned regret. But nothing indicates a willingness to take true responsibility for their transgressions.

Those transgressions rank among the most outrageous and disgraceful in major league history, with immeasurable consequences. They damaged the careers of opposing pitchers whose failures were mistakenly attributed to their inadequacies. They brought hits and money to hitters who were complicit in the crime. And they cost other teams victories they would have had in the absence of the cheating.

So if the Astros are sorry, let them show it. First, by providing a complete account of everything they did. Second, by admitting the obvious fact that they owed much of their success to it. Third, by surrendering the rings and the bonuses they got for winning the Series and renouncing their title.

If the Astros players and staff aren't willing to do any of these, they should take their apologies and throw them in the trash can. I know they have one.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

OBITUARIES

Genevieve Irene Conklin

Sept. 19, 1922 – Feb. 10, 2020

Genevieve Irene (Dade) Conklin, 97, entered the presence of her Lord and Savior on Feb. 10, 2020.

Born Sept. 19, 1922, in Hartford, to parents Orlen and Ethel Dade, Genevieve graduated from Hartford High School in 1940. She attended Western State Teachers College where she studied secretarial skills and accounting. She worked for many years in the office of the Watervliet Foundry and later managed the office of Conklin Construction.

In 1948, she was united in marriage to Richard Ralph Conklin, who preceded her in death. Genevieve spent more than 20 years as a volunteer for Community Hospital, Watervliet, was a life member of the Hartford Garden Club, enjoyed volunteering for many charitable organizations, attended Hartford United Methodist Church, and most recently, St. Michael Lutheran Church in Portage.

She is survived by her beloved son, Richard (Carol); precious granddaughter, Katelyn; cousin, Arlene Ward; niece, Lynne (Dan) Farmer; nephew, David Conklin; and several great-nieces and nephews.

She was a second mother to many in the community. The family is grateful for the care and friendship provided by Joanne Evans, Denise Hopson, Matt Gross and Kathy Cowgill these past few years. Genevieve's heartfelt compassion and beautiful way of making every individual feel special was indeed a blessing to so many. She will be remembered for her smile, her love of flowers, devotion to family and her generous spirit.

Please join the family in celebrating her life at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Hartford Methodist Church, 425 E. Main St., Hartford. A luncheon will immediately follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hartford Methodist Church, St. Michael Lutheran Church of Portage or Hospice of Southwest Michigan. The Calvin Funeral Home in Hartford is assisting the family. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Michael Angelo

Nov. 22, 1929 – Feb. 13, 2020

Michael Angelo, 90, of Riverside passed away at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Hagar Lakeside Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Friends wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Michael was born in Benton Harbor on Nov. 22, 1929, to Antonio and Theresa (Pica) Angelo. Mike was the owner of Angelo's Small Engine Repair in Watervliet Township. During his life, his family started the Fairplain Plaza, where he was one of the original partners, and he also owned Angelo's Party/Grocery Store in Coloma among others. His favorite pastime was working on his farm, sitting on his deck with his cat, watching NASCAR races and cheering on the Detroit Tigers. He had a gift of being able to fix anything, but he could never pound a nail in straight.

He is survived by three sons, Chuck (Kathy) Angelo of Benton Harbor, Tom Angelo of Benton Harbor and John (Kelly) Angelo of Benton Harbor; and a daughter, Theresa Immoos; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Violet Angelo; daughter-in-law, Dar Angelo; and son-in-law, Ron Immoos.

Ronald L. McEnaney

Sept. 23, 1947 – Feb. 14, 2020

Ronald L. McEnaney, 72, of South Haven passed away Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, at Graceway at Countryside Community in South Haven.

He was born to Donald and Margaret (Calloway) McEnaney on Sept. 23, 1947, in Chicago. Ron married Mary Feirick on June 22, 1968, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Chicago. Ron worked as a security supervisor at Palisades Nuclear Plant for 40 years, retiring in 2013. He was a member of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Ron served his community by volunteering his time at Open Door, South Haven Community Hospital and Al-Van Humane Society.

He is preceded in death, along with his parents, by his brothers, Donald Leo McEnaney and James Patrick McEnaney.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Mary McEnaney of South Haven; children, Laura (Percy) Nikorawalla of Collegeville, Pa., and Steven (Jamie) McEnaney of Decatur; grandson, Steven McEnaney Jr.; and a brother, Thomas (Sherry) McEnaney of Barryville, Ark.

Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Haven. Funeral services will follow the visitation at 11 a.m., with Pastor Travis Wilson officiating. Ronald will be laid to rest in Peace Lutheran Memorial Garden. Contributions may be made in Ronald's memory to the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund, 06321 Blue Star Hwy., South Haven, MI 49090 or Al-Van Humane Society, P.O. Box 421, South Haven, MI 49090. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, (269) 637-0333.

Barry Lawrence Johnson

Oct. 5, 1941 – Feb. 10, 2020

Barry Lawrence Johnson, 78, of Hartford passed away Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

Barry was born Oct. 5, 1941, in Pasadena, Calif., the son of Joseph and Frances (Campbell) Johnson, both of whom precede him in passing. Also preceding him in passing is a brother, Bruce Johnson.

Barry served his country proudly in the United States Army. He was formerly employed at Hoffman Die Cast in St. Joseph. He was a people person and was an avid sports fan, so much so that he would watch two or more sporting events at one time. He enjoyed reading books about westerns, going to the casino, and most importantly, spending time with his loving family.

Barry married the former Virginia Irvin on Sept. 18, 1981. She survives, along with two sons, Barry II of Reno, Nev., and James Bordes of Tennessee; a daughter, Jamie Westerfield of Kentucky; a granddaughter, Amelia Cassity of Hartford; a great-granddaughter, Isabella Cassity; and two sisters, Bea Pemberton and Barbie Johnson, both of Albuquerque, N.M.

As per Barry's wishes, cremation has taken place and no public services will be held. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Estella Marlowe

April 24, 1954 – Feb. 15, 2020

Estella Marlowe, 65, of Benton Harbor passed away on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A funeral service celebrating the life of Estella will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Community Church of God in Christ, 870 Nate Wells Sr. Dr., Benton Harbor, with Pastor Nathaniel Wells III officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 10-11 a.m. Saturday prior to the service. Send flowers to the family and online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Estella was born April 24, 1954, in Forest City, Ark., the daughter of the late Justice and Iola (Hamilton) Doyle. Estella married Eddie Marlowe Jr., and they were faithful members of the Community Church of God in Christ, Benton Harbor.

Survivors include her children: Larry (Patricia) Doyle, Angela Doyle, Shameka Marlowe, Eddie (Wanishea) Marlowe, Sharonda Bonner, Cynthia Doyle, Ciera, Eddie Lee, Catherine, Porsha, Amanda, Dajanay, Diamond, James, Jaquale and Ashley Marlowe, Stacey Thompson, Lekisha Robinson and Tenisha Watson; a host of grand- and great-grandchildren; and sisters, Bessie Smith and Bernice Bradley.

Estella was preceded in death by her nephew, Fredrick Doyle; and brothers, Justice, Leon and Willie James Doyle.

Leola Pauline Domke

July 30, 1933 – Feb. 13, 2020

Leola Pauline Domke, 86, of Sodus passed away in her home on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Leola was born on July 30, 1933, in Lincoln Township, to the late Roy and Edna (Ott) Lucker. On May 5, 1951, in Benton Harbor, she married Raymond Domke Sr.; he preceded her in death in March 2011. Leola loved reading books, camping and was proud of her holding a GMRS license.

Leola is survived by a son, Richard (Frances) Domke of Benton Harbor; grandchildren, Brian and Cari; stepgrandchildren, Jerry, Tina and Jackie; numerous stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, Gerald Lucker of Florida; and her best friend and caregiver, Craig Fair.

Also preceding Leola in death are brothers, Roy and Alvin; and sisters, Luella, Lucille, Laverne and Katie.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel in St. Joseph. Visitation with the family will precede the service from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Following these services, burial will take place in Lincoln Township Cemetery in Stevensville. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Clara Jacko

May 29, 1928 – Feb. 15, 2020

Clara Jacko, 91, of Eau Claire died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, where friends may visit from noon-1 p.m. Burial will be in Newberry, Mich. Memorials may be made to Hanson Hospice Center. Online messages may be left at www.bowermanfuneral.com.

Clara was born May 29, 1928, in Newberry, the daughter of Birney and Lalah (Whalen) Calkins. She was employed as a cook for a State of Michigan medical facility.

Survivors include three daughters: Janice Black of Eau Claire, Barbara (Harvey) Sharp of Newberry, and Donna (Rob) Wilson of Indianapolis; four sons: Abraham (Linda) Jacko of Eau Claire, Fredrick (Sandy) Jacko of Union City, Mich., Dennis (Sandy) Jacko of Traverse City, Mich., and Thomas (Terie) Jacko of Iron Mountain, Mich.; 27 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; sister, Helen Severns of Newberry; and two brothers, Herman (Renee) Calkins of Kincheloe, Mich., and Levi (Lois) Calkins of West Virginia.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Abraham Jacko Sr.; daughters, Sharon Lee Jacko and Roselind Metcalf; grandson, Noah Jacko; brothers: Frank, Birney, George and Ernie Calkins; and sisters: Maxine Smith, Mary Lou Jacko, Marjorie Archey and Loretta Calkins.

Sally W. Robinson

Date of birth to Feb. 15, 2020

Sally W. Robinson, 76, of Lakeside, formerly of Iowa City, Iowa, died on Feb. 15, 2020.

Sally was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She attended Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, where she met her future husband of 54 years, Vern Robinson. Following graduation from Grinnell, Sally worked as a social worker and supervisor in Child Protective Services for the Johnson County, Iowa, Department of Social Services. In 1980, Sally retired as a social worker. Later she returned to the workplace as secretary for the Johnson County Juvenile Probation office, and later as secretary for the principal of the alternative high school.

Among Sally's many avocations, her two favorites were singing and bicycling. She was a member of the Iowa City chorus, and later the Grand Rapids chorus of Sweet Adeline's International. Sally sang barbershop harmony in both choruses and quartets for nearly 40 years. As for biking, Sally completed 15 RAGBRAI's (annual bike ride across Iowa). And one of the highlights of her life was joining a group of Iowans celebrating Iowa's sesquicentennial by riding from Long Beach California to Washington D.C. in the summer of 1995. The meandering route covered 5,000 miles.

Sally was known as an organizer with a gregarious spirit. She was always willing to help anyone and everyone. She proudly volunteered for many years at the Iowa City Police Department and at the Berrien County Courthouse.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Robert and Frances Wolf; and her sister, Nancy Rosenblum.

Surviving her are her husband, Vern; son, Chris (Amy Carder) of Bellingham, Wash.; daughter, Amy (Amilcar Challu) of Bowling Green, Ohio; and grandchildren, Sam and Tess.

A social gathering in the spring to reminisce about Sally will be announced for a later time.

Death notices

Frederick DeWitt, 79, of Lakewood, Colo., died Feb. 13, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Jason Ensign, 63, of Niles died Feb. 17, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Patricia "Patti" Faraone, 61, of Evanston, Ill., formerly of Coloma died Feb. 10, 2020, in Argentina. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Clifford Clarence Hemmann, 95, of Watervliet died Feb. 14, 2020, at his residence. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Clara Jacko, 91, of Eau Claire died Feb. 15 at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, 461-4241.

Beverly J. Leffler, 92, of Niles died Feb. 15, 2020, at home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 571-3729.

Estella Marlowe, 65, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 15, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Marcia Martin, 71, of Edwardsburg died Feb. 14, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Ronald L. McEnaney, 72, of South Haven died Feb. 14, 2020, at Graceway at Countryside, South Haven. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

David "Mike" Metalski, 62, of Dowagiac died Feb. 16, 2020, at Ascension Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Frieda Mueller, 91, of Stevensville died Feb. 16, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Sally Sue (Wolf) Robinson, 76, of Lakeside died Feb. 15, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Nellie (Dolly) C. Vance, 83, of New Troy died Feb. 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Patricia 'Patti' Faraone

Oct. 29, 1958 – Feb. 10, 2020

Patricia "Patti" Faraone of Evanston, Ill., passed away of natural causes on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, while on vacation in Argentina.

Born in Coloma on Oct. 29, 1958, Patti attended Coloma High School and matriculated to Western Michigan University. Following university, she moved to Chicago where she enjoyed a number of exciting hotel and hospitality related jobs that took her to Switzerland, England and Hawaii.

Patti was known for her infectious and exuberant personality, her legendary three-county laugh and being the life of the party. Her greatest joy was to be surrounded by family, friends and dog, Zoe. An avid reader and lover of crossword puzzles, her most favorite pastime was being on the beach in Michigan, enjoying conversations with anyone who crossed her path – Patti never met a stranger.

Her love for her late husband, William "Bill" Thompson Pike, led to the storybook ending to her life. The night before she passed, she dreamt that she was walking on the beach when she felt someone touch her hand. She turned around and it was Bill who said, "Come on Patti, let's go." Patti died on the third anniversary of Bill's death. Her last trip abroad was the beginning of a new and everlasting one.

Patti was deeply loved by her late parents, Vincent Faraone and Connie Faraone Hudnutt; her siblings, Michael Faraone, Roe Faraone and Theresann Seeger (David); and her in-laws, Susan Lovejoy, Warren Pike (Maria Rosa), Dr. David Pike (Anne), Cindy Wilby (Bill) and John Pike (Judy). She had a deep affection and connection to her nieces and nephews: Molly, David "DT," Warren Alexander, James, David Jr., Sara and baby Harper, Megan, Caitlin, Dillon, Kelson, Margaret and Charlotte, Lizzy, Katherine, Michael, Tess, Jen, Tommy, Michael, Mickey and Carson.

A memorial service for this summer is being planned and will be announced to friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, your contribution to the Alliance for the Great Lakes at greatlakes.org would be greatly appreciated.

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Getting it straight

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Six years after gambling that the state would spend millions of dollars to convert St. Joseph's Silver Beach into a park, Berrien County is about to award contracts for the last phase of work on what has become a major regional tourist attraction.

The final round of improvements on the park will finish the park's 1991 master plan. Riverfront improvements include a two-acre picnic area, barrier-free playground, river boardwalk connector to the South Pier, and a pavilion for outdoor concerts and events. The final 1,200 feet of walkway will be built from the south edge of the parking lot to Park Street, connecting all parts of the park.

35 years ago – 1985

Anthony Scaccia of Pleasant Street Cobbler, 606 Pleasant St., St. Joseph, has been named a member of the National Registry for Orthopedic Shoe Technicians. A news release from the National Registry said Scaccia was recognized "for his craftsmanship in the art and skill of shoe modifications and the custom making of shoes as directed by the medial profession."

50 years ago – 1970

Auto Specialties Mfg. Co. of St. Joseph has already "de-smoked" its foundry at Riverside, north of Benton Harbor. It is now in the process of doing the same thing at its Edgewater foundry in St. Joseph. The total cost will run about $1.3 million, it was revealed today by Lester Tiscornia, the firm's president.

The project represents one of the largest anti-pollution efforts ever undertaken by a local industrial firm.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2020. There are 317 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 18, 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968 (those convictions were later reversed).

On this date:

In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben.

In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

In 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time (after being published in Britain and Canada).

In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf planet") was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona.

In 1997, astronauts on the space shuttle Discovery completed their tune-up of the Hubble Space Telescope after 33 hours of spacewalking; the Hubble was then released using the shuttle's crane.

In 2001, veteran FBI agent Robert Philip Hanssen was arrested, accused of spying for Russia. (Hanssen later pleaded guilty to espionage and attempted espionage and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.) Auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy
36°	23°	25° / 15°	22° / 14°	30° / 20°	37° / 29°

Local Outlook

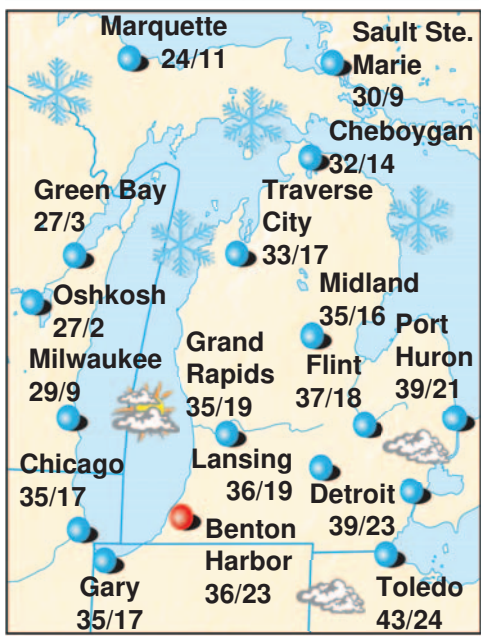
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 36°, humidity of 79%. West northwest wind 15 to 21 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 23°. West northwest wind 14 to 17 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 11°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:38 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:21 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 4:21 a.m.
Moonset ..... 1:40 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
2/23	3/2	3/9	3/16

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	40°
Low	29°
Normal High	36°
Normal Low	20°
Record High	66° in 2017
Record Low	5° in 2015

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.24"
Normal for month	0.84"
Year to date	4.10"
Normal Year to date	2.59"

Air Quality

Yesterday 35
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

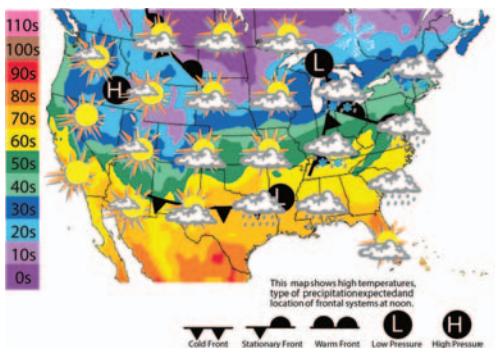
Weather Trivia

What effect does the Gulf Stream have on winter storms?

Answer: Powerful NorEasters can develop from it.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 18, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, NW wind 16 to 23 kt. Cloudy. Waves 5 to 7 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 14 to 16 kt. A slight chance of snow showers. Waves around 5 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. West northwest wind 6 to 18 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with isolated snow showers, highs in the 10s. West wind 8 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 15 to 21 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 20s. Northwest wind 10 to 14 mph.

OBITUARIES

Nellie (Dolly) Christine Vance

Jan. 4, 1937 – Feb. 12, 2020

Nellie (Dolly) Christine Vance, 83, of New Troy passed away on Wednesday morning, Feb. 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center.

Burial took place in Weesaw Township Cemetery, Buchanan, and the family will be remembering her privately. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Nellie was born Jan. 4, 1937, in Elijah, Mo., the daughter of the late Claud Thomas and Gerthie Lorene (Fogleman) Tackett. Nellie moved to Michigan in the mid 1940s. On Sept. 15, 1952, she married Duane Vance, and he preceded her in 2016; they shared 64 years together. Nellie's favorite hobby was watching birds and taking care of her grandkids.

Survivors include her five children: Rhonda Hayes, Phillip (Claudia) Vance, Valerie Vance, Patrick (Cheri) Vance and Susan Vance; 12 grandchildren: Jason (Melanie) Hayes, Matt (Carmela) Hayes, Luke (Chrystal) Hayes, Aaron (Bonnie) Hayes, Anglia Vance, Ryan Vance, Sarah (Brad) Rutkoskie, Brandon Vance, Vincent (Julie) Vance, Alex (Althea) Vance, Andrew Vance and Dwain (Casey) Vance; and eight sisters and brothers: James Tackett, Anna Mae Childs, Shirley Jean (Charles) Durden, Livina Ferry, Alene (Ray) Gentey, Marie Dober, Johnny Tackett and Doug (Shirley) Tackett.

Nellie was also preceded in death by a brother, Leroy Tackett; and a sister, Lorene Milliken.

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Irish stage massive comeback to beat UNC

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Athlete Spotlight

Ben Sanders / HP staff

Dashiande Harris-Moore is a county champion and regional qualifier as a sophomore for Benton Harbor wrestling.

Dashiande Harris-Moore:

Benton Harbor's best on the mat

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Benton Harbor hasn't had much wrestling success historically, but Dashiande Harris-Moore is doing his part to change that.

Harris-Moore, a sophomore, won the 160-pound title at the Greater Berrien County Invitational last month and was named most outstanding wrestler in the upper weight classes. On Saturday, he finished second in the Division 2 district at Lakeshore. He now has a record of 37-4 on the season

"Benton Harbor hasn't really had a wrestling program in the numbers in a while," Benton Harbor coach Ryan Berry said. "Dash's self-determination and the willpower to push through all that and put Benton Harbor wrestling on the map, it's huge. When a kid doesn't have anybody to practice with and he's able to show the growth that he has from his freshman year to this year, it's incredible."

Harris-Moore has hopes of being a state placer this season. Regardless of his results, with two years left to wrestle, his future looks bright. Even in his district final loss to Mattawan's Anthony Williamson, who placed sixth at state last season at 152, he impressed with a quick takedown before getting pinned.

"I think the podium's definitely a realistic goal this year, placing at state," Berry said. "Beyond that, the sky's the limit. I don't see any reason to put a cap on him."

Harris-Moore thanked his coaching staff for his success, as well as his mother, Ciara Reese.

"Without her, I probably wouldn't be here, I probably wouldn't be in the sport," Harris-Moore said. "She keeps me at the gym, she keeps me motivated to keep going."

Harris-Moore has a 3.0 GPA and said he hopes to continue wrestling in college.

What got you interested in wrestling?

My principal said I was a rowdy kid, so when I hopped into the sport I said "might as well try it." When I got beat, I was like "I want to win" so I stuck with it.

What's been your best wrestling moment?

Winning county has been my best moment, putting Benton Harbor on the map. That was my goal for the year.

What does it mean to you to represent Benton Harbor wrestling well?

It means a lot to me. I've still got my individual goals, I want to place at state, but I still want people in Benton Harbor to rise up the rest of the program.

What kind of goals do you have for this year and the rest of your wrestling career?

Now that I made it out of districts, I'm going to try to place at state. The next two years, it's to win it.

What do you take from tough matches like your loss in the district final?

I had the kid on his back, so I'm really confident I can take down anybody. I'm not scared to take shots. I'm looking to score, that's what I really want to do. The sport needs guys that can score. We don't want baby numbers like 2-1, 1-0.

What do you like to do outside of wrestling?

I usually just keep myself in shape, try to stay on weight. I play video games, I do my schoolwork, hang out at home because it's cold outside.

Do you have a favorite school subject?

Math, because want to be an engineer or an architect. That's what I'm really trying to do.

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The Herald-Palladium's Athlete Spotlight, sponsored by Whirlpool Corp., appears weekly on Tuesday in The HP Sports section during the school year. Athletes are chosen by HP staff members. Suggestions for Athlete Spotlight are welcome. Email suggestions to sports@TheHP.com. Athletes are limited to one selection per school year.

Dykstra named to U-15 National Soccer Team

Catholic eighth-grader to compete in Europe

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

Photo provided

Ella Dykstra (center) scored four goals for the Kalamazoo Kingdom Soccer Club last season. Dykstra was selected as a member of the Olympic Development Program's 2020 Under-15 National Team that will compete abroad in the spring.

Ella Dykstra will be putting her skills to the test against the best of the best.

Dykstra – a Lake Michigan Catholic eighth-grader – made the Olympic Development Program's (ODP) Under-15 Regional and National Soccer Teams. Dykstra will be traveling with the Regional team to London from March 20-29 and will head to Amsterdam with the National team from April 3-12.

"I was really excited when I got the news," Dykstra said. "I'm excited to play with girls from across the country."

After making the Midwest Regional ODP soccer team last year, Dykstra was one of just six Midwest players – and the only Michigan player – invited to the 23-member ODP National Training Camp from Jan. 23-28. Of those 23 players, 18 players were chosen to represent the US on the National team, with Dykstra making the cut.

The process was nerve-wracking," Dykstra admitted. "Because everyone is so good and the competition level is super high. It forces you to come out of your comfort zone to do your best."

Dykstra – a midfielder – scored four goals for the Kalamazoo Kingdom Soccer Club last season. While soccer is her passion, she also sees the value of playing multiple sports.

"On top of club training, I play basketball and volleyball to keep in shape," she said. "Both sports require you to think fast and speed up the thought process, which helps me on the soccer field."

With the world as her stage, Dykstra looks forward to competing against the world's best.

"I look forward to seeing if I can handle the pressure," she said. "The opportunity to play against girls from other countries is something that I won't forget."

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Shock at Daytona

John Raoux / AP

NASCAR Sprint Cup driver Ryan Newman (6) goes flying up over Corey LaJoie during the Daytona 500 on Monday.

Denny Hamlin wins 3rd Daytona 500; Ryan Newman hospitalized after late accident

David Graham / AP

Ryan Newman, left, surrounded by rescue workers, is moved to an ambulance after rescue workers removed him from his car after he was involved in a crash at the Daytona 500 on Monday.

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Ryan Newman flipped across the finish line, his Ford planted upside down and engulfed in flames, a grim reminder of a sport steeped in danger that has stretched nearly two decades without a fatality.

At the finish line, Denny Hamlin made history with a second straight Daytona 500 victory in an overtime photo finish over Ryan Blaney, a celebration that quickly became muted as drivers awaited an update on Newman's condition.

"I think we take for granted sometimes how safe the cars

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Lakeshore finishes strong at individual wrestling district

Lancers have 4 champs; SJ's Wertanen, Niles' Franco take top spots

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore finished strong at Saturday's Division 2 individual wrestling district.

The host Lancers won all eight of their final-round matches to end with four champions and four third-place finishers for a total of eight regional qualifiers. The top four wrestlers in each weight class will compete in next Saturday's individual regional at Vicksburg.

"That's a great day," Lakeshore coach Bruce Bittenbender said. "You want to qualify. We've had kids that have taken fourth, third and been state champions.

"We're pretty optimistic. We just want to keep the train rolling. It's been a great two weeks for us."

Local champions included Lakeshore's Zeke Rohl (215), Aaron Lucio (119), Micah Hanau (130) and Shane Williams (135), St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen (103) and Niles' Ryan Franco (125).

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■ Division 3, 4 individual wrestling district results
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Wertanen, ranked No. 2 in Division 2 at 103, defeated top-ranked Mikey Robles of Niles 8-0. The two have battled for the top spot in the rankings this season and are now 2-2 against each other.

"I wrestled my match," Wertanen said. "I've lost and won against (Robles) multiple times now, and going into that match I felt my biggest problem was that I was not wrestling my match and I was my biggest opponent. Props to Mikey, Mikey's a great wrestler, but I just kept telling myself I need to wrestle my six minutes."

Niles and St. Joseph had wrestlers square off in another championship match, with Franco defeating the

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IN BRIEF

BH boys basketball ranked No. 1 in Div. 2

The Benton Harbor boys basketball team is ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press' latest Michigan boys basketball Division 2 poll.

Following its 80-55 win over Coloma on Feb. 11, Benton Harbor (15-1) received four first place votes and leapfrogged both Grand Rapids Christian (14-1) and Williamston (15-2) to claim the top spot.

After entering the season ranked sixth in the AP poll, the Tigers are ranked No. 1 for the first time since Feb. 18, 2019, when the Tigers improved to 17-1 following a 72-62 win over River Rouge.

Irish stage major comeback to beat North Carolina

SOUTH BEND(AP) — Notre Dame coach Mike Brey wasn't surprised sophomore Nate Laszewski hit another critical shot for the Fighting Irish.

Laszewski swished a 3-pointer from the left wing with 1.8 seconds remaining for the final count as the Irish stormed back from a 15-point second-half deficit for a 77-76 victory over beleaguered North Carolina on Monday night.

"As soon as he caught it, there was no hesitation," Brey said of his sophomore forward. "I think his percentage is better on those than the 38 and a half other minutes of a game."

Laszewski had also drained a 3-pointer that forced overtime in Notre Dame's 64-62 win over Toledo earlier this season, but this one was bigger as the Irish try to make a late scramble toward postseason.

Prentiss Hubb scored 15 of his 20 points in the second half and dealt eight assists for the Irish (16-10, 7-8 Atlantic Coast Conference), who trailed 64-49 with 8:37 remaining.

T.J. Gibbs added 11 of his 14 points after the break, John Mooney picked up his nation-leading 21st double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Laszewski scored 11 points for ND.

Freshman Cole Anthony scored 23 points and dished six assists for the Tar Heels (10-16, 3-12).

The Irish trailed 73-64 inside of five minutes left before Gibbs converted a 3-pointer to ignite a 7-0 run.

Ratings for NBA All-Star Game rise by 8 percent

NEW YORK (AP) — Ratings for the NBA All-Star Game were up 8 percent over last year, with an average of 7.3 million viewers watching Sunday night's broadcast on TNT.

About 8 million viewers were tuned in for the end of the game, where LeBron James' team defeated Giannis Antetokounmpo's team 157-155 in the first target-score format in All-Star history. The fourth quarter was untimed and was broadcast commercial-free.

TNT's pregame coverage, which included tributes to Kobe Bryant, averaged 6.3 million viewers. That figure represented a 19 percent increase over viewership for the same show last year.

For the weekend – including Friday's Rising Stars game and Saturday's showing of the Skills Competition won by Miami's Bam Adebayo, the 3-point contest won by Sacramento's Buddy Hield and the dunk contest won by Miami's Derrick Jones Jr. – Turner Sports said ratings were up 15 percent from last year.

Former Blue Jays star Fernandez dies at 57

TORONTO (AP) — Tony Fernández, a stylish shortstop who made five All-Star teams during his 17 seasons in the major leagues and helped the Toronto Blue Jays win the 1993 World Series, died Sunday after complications from a kidney disease. He was 57.

Fernández was taken off a life support system in the afternoon with his family present at a hospital in Weston, Florida, said Imrad Hallim, the director and co-founder of the Tony Fernández Foundation. Fernández had been in a medically induced coma and had waited years for a new kidney.

Fernández won four straight Gold Gloves with the Blue Jays in the 1980s and holds club records for career hits and games played.

AIRWAVES

Television today

3:00 p.m. (TNT) **UEFA Champions League Soccer** Atletico Madrid vs Liverpool FC. Round of 16, 1st Leg. (Live) CC
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Illinois at Penn State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN) (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Teams TBA. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** Toronto Maple Leafs at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live)
7:30 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Montreal Canadiens at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Northwestern at Maryland. (Live) CC
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Creighton at Marquette. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Kentucky at LSU. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Baylor at Oklahoma. (Live)

Wednesday

2:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Manchester City FC vs West Ham United FC. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (TNT) **UEFA Champions League Soccer** Tottenham Hotspur FC vs RB Leipzig. (Live) CC
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Butler at Seton Hall. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Michigan at Rutgers. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Syracuse at Louisville. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Auburn at Georgia. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Georgia Tech at Wake Forest. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (NBCSCH) **College Basketball** Missouri State at Bradley. (Live)
(NBCSports) **NHL Hockey** New York Rangers at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** Providence at Georgetown. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Indiana at Minnesota. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Duke at NC State. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Teams TBA. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Miami at Virginia Tech. (Live)

Radio today

7 p.m.
High school basketball — Lakeshore at Mishawaka Marian (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)
High school basketball — South Haven at Coloma (WCSY-FM, 103.7)

Wednesday

7 p.m.
College basketball — Michigan at Rutgers (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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Local wrestlers advance to regionals

By HP STAFF

Brandywine and Decatur each had two champions at Saturday's individual wrestling districts.

In the Division 3 district at Constantine, Brandywine's Mathew Cox (125) and Hunter Heath (140) were champions. Heath improved to 46-1 on the season.

Other local champions at Constantine were Dowagiac's Jordan Simpson (103), Watervliet's Trever Pelton (112), South Haven's Ray Woodall (130) and Coloma's Cole Alsup (285).

Lawton hosted the Division 4 districts. Decatur's champions were Romeo Lopez (130) and Jared Checkley (171), who is now 38-3 this season. Also winning titles were River Valley's Andrew Forker (135) and Eau Claire's Darian Davis (152).

The top four wrestlers in each district qualified for next Saturday's regionals.

WRESTLING

Individual districts
Final-round matches involving local wrestlers

DIVISION 3 AT CONSTANTINE

Championship matches
215 – Boe Eckman (Constantine) p. Mike Schlup (Dowagiac) 1:47; 285 – Cole Alsup (Coloma) inj. def. Chuck Taylor (Constantine); 103 – Jordan Simpson (Dowagiac) p. Ronaldo Vergara (South Haven) 1:33; 112 – Trever Pelton (Watervliet) d. Caeleb Ishmael (Coloma) 1-0; 125 – Mathew Cox (Brandywine) d. Brandt Lafferty (Three Rivers) 6-4; 130 – Ray Woodall (South Haven) d. Jackson Kanniainen (Paw Paw) 7-5; 140 – Hunter Heath (Brandywine) d. William Bradley (Paw Paw) 5-3; 145 – Troy Demas (Constantine) d. Ian Ishmael (Coloma) 12-7; 152 – Niko Martinez (Paw Paw) d. Trevor Winkel (South Haven) 5-2; 160 – Jason Bowers (Paw Paw) d. Lamberto Paredes (Dowagiac) 3-2; 171 – Brandon Bavin (Comstock) d. Ivory McCullough 8-4; 189 – Isaac Hall (Constantine) m.d. Jackson Calvert (South Haven) 14-5.

Third-place matches
215 – Chris Schultz (Dowagiac) p. Travis Borr (Coloma) 1:51; 285 – Wyatt Bailey (Dowagiac) p. Preston Calvert (South Haven) 0:46; 103 – Drake Heath (Brandywine) m.d. Gage Davis (Three Rivers) 13-4; 112 – Cody Tenhaaf (Hopkins) d. Hunter Weinberg (Buchanan) 6-2; 119 – Tyler Huston (Dowagiac) m.d. Aaron Lauri (Brandywine) 10-2; 130 – Dylan Reiff (Constantine) inj. def. Alex McIntosh (Dowagiac); 135 – Eric Demas (Constantine) m.d. Alex Isbrecht (Watervliet) 15-1; 140 – Gage Ensign (Constantine) d. Nathan Palmer (South Haven) 5-3; 145 – Deny White (Dowagiac) p. Julius Guzman 2:26; 152 – Luke Tuinstra (Hopkins) p. Korben Camp (Watervliet) 1:18; 160 – Isaiah Yazel (Watervliet) p. Drew Ruth (Buchanan) 0:26; 189 – Don Smith (Watervliet) p. Killian Czerniak (Parchment) 3:22.

DIVISION 4 AT LAWTON

Championship matches
215 – Jonny Gregory (Centreville) d. Christian Alcarez (Bangor) 5-3; 285 – Kenneth Parker (Kalamazoo Lakeside) m.d. Brayden Ross (Decatur) 13-4; 119 – Caden Sukich (Schoolcraft) t.f. William Cartwright (Lawrence) 15-0; 130 – Romeo Lopez (Decatur) d. Gary Cramer (Schoolcraft) 8-5; 135 – Andrew Forker (River Valley) p. Caleb Niewiadomski (Schoolcraft) 4:30; 152 – Darian Davis (Eau Claire) p. Zach Dowling (Lawton) 4:34; 171 – Jared Checkley (Decatur) p. Collin Mayville (White Pigeon) 2:30.

Third-place matches
215 – Trevor Wilson (Marcellus) p. Jonathan Camarillo 1:43; 285 – Juan Villanueva (Lawrence) p. Dalton Loker (Centreville) 3:00; 103 – Ernesto Rodarte (Hartford) p. Gabe Spencer (Galesburg-Augusta) 1:23; 112 – Andrew Garcia (Lawton) m.d. Jordan Phillips (Eau Claire) 16-5; 119 – John Schuman (Lawrence) d. Ricky Mathis (Centreville) 4-2; 125 – Koby Sparks (Lawton) d. Tim Dumont (Hartford) 9-5; 145 – Rusty Noyes (Galesburg-Augusta) inj. def. Cam Ulam (Bangor); 152 – Daniel Gray (Lawrence) p. Collin Bogue (Cassopolis) 2:33; 189 – Harrison Maynard (Lawton) d. Chandler Babcock (Decatur) 7-3.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BRIDGMAN 36, CATHOLIC 26

BRIDGMAN (36)
Krieger 4 0-0 8, Norris 2 4-6 8, Tomlin 3 0-0 6, Hackett 2 0-0 4, Rydnelski 1 2-4 4, Lavanway 2 0-1 4, Schmaltz 1 0-0 2. Team totals: 15 6-11 36.
LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC (26)
Elena Proos 2 3-5 9, Chloe Mills 4 1-4 9, Emily Lage 2 0-3 4, Claire LaSata 1 1-2 3, Maggie Tidey 0 1-2 1. Totals: 9 6-16 26.

LM Catholic	**0**	**9**	**7**	**10**	**– 26**
Bridgman	**8**	**8**	**9**	**11**	**– 36**

3-point goals – LM Catholic 2 (Proos 2), Bridgman 0. Total fouls – Bridgman 16, LM Catholic 11. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – LM Catholic 8-4 BCS White, 10-7; Bridgman 2-6 BCS White, 4-13.

BRANDYWINE 60, RIVER VALLEY 17

BRANDYWINE (60)
Megan Schmidt 5 3-4 16, Maliklyyah Abdullah 2 6-9 11, Alexis Rhodes 3 4-5 10, Alysa Adamczyk 3 0-0 9, Kennedy Byrd 3 1-2 8, Zakiyyah Abdullah 1 1-4 4, Haley Scott 1 0-0 2. Totals: 18 15-24 60.
RIVER VALLEY (17)
Taylor Volstorf 2 0-0 6, Emma Springer 1 2-2 4, Lucia Rico 2 0-0 4, Joanna Vert 1 0-0 2, Alexis McCarty 0 1-2 1. Totals: 6 3-4 17.
3-point goals – Brandywine 9 (Adamczyk 3, Schmidt 3, Byrd, Z. Abdullah, M. Abdullah), River Valley 2 (Volstorf 2). Total fouls – River Valley 14, Brandywine 12. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – Brandywine 17-0, River Valley 11-6.

BUCHANAN 46, BENTON HARBOR 28

BUCHANAN (46)
Faith Carson 4 3-8 11, Alexa Burns 3 2-2 8, Hailey Jonatzke 2 2-2 7, Claire Lietz 2 2-7 6, Alea Fisher 2 0-0 5, Claire Shelton 2 0-0 4, Emma Lozmack1 0-0 3, Jillian McKean 1 0-0 2. Totals: 17 9-19 46.
BENTON HARBOR (28)
Shaliyah Perkins 8 3-6 20, Jmya Jordan 2 1-2 5, Tyshay Williams 1 0-0 2, Kyra Nichols 0 1-4 1. Totals: 11 5-12 28.

Buchanan	**10**	**10**	**12**	**14**	**– 46**
B Harbor	**4**	**2**	**5**	**17**	**– 28**

3-point goals – Buchanan 3 (Jonatzke, Lozmack, Fisher), Benton Harbor 1 (Perkins). Total fouls – Buchanan 15, Benton Harbor 21. Fouled out – Benton Harbor (Nichols). Technical fouls – Benton Harbor (Nichols).
Records – Buchanan 13-4, Benton Harbor 3-13.

BOYS BASKETBALL

BRIDGMAN 55, NEW BUFFALO 35

NEW BUFFALO (35)
Kaden Parmley 4 5-8 13, Mark Shaw 5 1-2 11, Tucker Morse 3 2-2 8, Anthony Lijewski 0 3-4 3. Totals: 12 11-16 35.
BRIDGMAN (55)
Luke Blesy 5 0-1 12, Jackson Schmaltz 5 4-7 14, Hunter Adams 2 5-8 9, Jayce Warren 4 4-4 14, Nate Necas 1 0-1 2, Henry Branch 1 0-0 3, Don Necas 0 1-2 1. Totals: 18 14-23 55.

New Buffalo	**5**	**13**	**8**	**9**	**— 35**
Bridgman	**18**	**6**	**16**	**15**	**— 55**

3-point goals – New Buffalo 0, Bridgman 5 (Blesy 2, Warren 2, Branch). Total fouls – New Buffalo 20, Bridgman 13. Fouled out – Morse (NB). Technical fouls – none.
Records – New Buffalo 8-6, Bridgman 11-4.

BRANDYWINE 73, RIVER VALLEY 41

BRANDYWINE (73)
K. Chrismon 8 0-0 18, J. Abrams 6 0-0 14, C. Byrd 3 2-4 9, J. Brown 2 2-4 6, C. Knapp 2 1-1 5, B. Prankert 1 1-2 4, G. Gouin 1 1-2 4, J. Briggs 2 0-0 4, R. Gorja 1 0-0 3, C. Barrier 1 0-0 2, J. Fox 1 0-0 2, M. Cole 1 0-0 2. Totals: 29 7-13 73.
RIVER VALLEY (41)
Lennon Lage 6 0-0 13, Matthew Schmidt 2 2-4 7, Will Korbel 2 2-2 6, Tyler Montgomery 1 4-6 6, Davyd Bronson 3 0-0 6, Jacob Barbour 1 0-0 3, Carson Taylor 0 0-1 0. Totals: 15 8-14 41.

Brandywine	**22**	**18**	**14**	**19**	**– 73**
River Valley	**9**	**10**	**13**	**9**	**– 41**

3-point goals – Brandywine 8 (Chrismon 2, Abrams 2, Prankert, Gorja, Gouin, Byrd), River Valley 3 (Lage, Barbour, Schmidt). Total fouls – River Valley 11, Brandywine 18. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – Brandywine (Chrismon).
Records – Brandywine 14-1, 13-3

Easy for Woods to find perspective even after finishing last at Riviera

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Ryan Kang / AP

Tiger Woods hits out of a greenside bunker on the 17th hole during the final round of the Genesis Invitational golf tournament at Riviera Country Club, Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles. (AP Photo / Ryan Kang)

LOS ANGELES — The red shirt. A late tee time on Sunday.

All the ingredients were in place for Tiger Woods at Riviera except for the location. The closest he came to the leaders was when they were making birdie on the par-5 opening hole and Woods was 100 yards away – with a much larger following – as he was about to three-putt the par-5 11th for another bogey.

The closest he got to the winner was on the 18th green to hand the Genesis Invitational trophy to Adam Scott, who held his nerve and holed all the right putts on a course so difficult no one could do better than 68.

Woods finished 68th out of 68 players who made the cut. Only three other times in his career has he posted a 72-hole score higher than his 295 at Riviera, and the most recent was nearly seven years ago. He was 22 shots behind the leader, the widest margin for Woods since the 2015 Memorial, which also was last time he finished last.

So it wasn't a good week.

It's not the end of the world, either.

Riviera was another reminder that Woods is going to struggle from time to time, and this would be the place for that to happen. Woods never played Riviera that well when he was at his best, which explains why he ran his professional record to 0-12 on the fabled course off Sunset Boulevard.

Think back to Woods at his absolute best. During a stretch from late 1999 until the Masters in 2000, Woods won or was runner-up in 10 out of 11 events on the PGA Tour.

The exception? A tie for 18th at Riviera.

He probably wouldn't even be playing if not for Hyundai taking over as title sponsor and wisely signing up Woods' foundation to run it, and the PGA Tour elevating the status of the event in line with Arnold Palmer at Bay Hill and Jack Nicklaus at Muirfield Village.

The difference is Palmer bought and nurtured Bay Hill. Nicklaus built Muirfield Village. Woods went 12 years without playing Riviera, a course he loves but for some reason could never play well.

"I have historically never putted really well here," he said going into the tournament.

He finished with 117 putts over four rounds, including a four-putt and a three-putt in the same round. He was 67th in the key putting statistic, which stands out even more considering only 68 players made the cut.

Is it alarming? Not at all.

A year ago, Wood started his year in the Pacific chill of Torrey Pines and finished 11 shots behind. He was eight shots behind at Riviera and 13 behind in his debut at Chapultepec for the Mexico Championship. Then, he skipped Bay Hill when his body didn't feel quite right and he wanted a week of rest.

So he wound up playing five times before the Masters, and it worked out well for him in the end.

Woods was planning to be in Mexico this week for the first World Golf Championship of the year until canceling his hotel room at the last minute and choosing not to enter on Friday.

"The idea is to peak around Augusta time," he said. "I just felt I wasn't going to be ready for next week – a little rundown and playing at altitude as well isn't going to help that. So take the week off."

Yes, he is passing on a 72-man field with no cut and probably free points for the world ranking (he fell to No. 9), Ryder Cup and FedEx Cup. It's one of several big events on the calendar. It won't hurt him to miss.

Where he shows up next is uncertain – odds are he will be at Bay Hill and The Players Championship, and then the Match Play in Texas for his last tune-up ahead of Augusta National. The Honda Classic was not ruled out. But he likely will play five times before the Masters.

What he made clear was that he will be playing more, not less.

Woods has been saying that since he returned from the fourth back surgery that rejuvenated his life and his career, and last year he proved it. He played 15 times from January to December, including the Presidents Cup and his Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. That was five fewer than the year before.

"How much do I play, when do I play, do I listen to the body or do I fight through it?" Woods said. "There are some things I can push and some things I can't. And so I had a theory this year that I may play about the same amount. ... I won't play a lot more than that just because of the physical toll and I want to stay out here for just a little bit longer."

Something else he said Sunday suggested Woods has a different outlook from those watching and cheering him. Yes, he wants to get to No. 83 in career wins and set the PGA Tour record. Majors matter the most, and he hasn't given up to the chase to 18 to catch Jack Nicklaus.

But that Masters title was big. He won a major again. His family was there. If that's all there is, that's plenty.

Because even after a bad week at Riviera, he never lost perspective.

"This part of my career really didn't exist a few years ago," he said. "So to be able to do that no matter what I shooting, it's still disappointing. It's still frustrating. I'm still a little ticked. But I also look at it from a perspective which I didn't do most of my career, that I have a chance to play going down the road."

LANCERS

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time. Williams improved to 36-1 on the season with a pin of Allegan's Tyson Emmons in 3:15, Hanau scored a 17-3 victory over Chandler Froehlich of Harper Creek, and Rohl pinned Allegan's Zakary Foster in 1:03 for his 25th straight win this season.

"I think it's good to have the momentum," Rohl said. "I want to keep it going and hopefully finish off winning them all, through state."

Qualifying in third place for the Lancers were Cameron Litaker (112), Jonathan Gelesko (125), James Harris (145) and Case Rohl (160).

St. Joseph's Yazan Farhan placed third at 140 to join Wertanen and Halsey as the Bears' regional qualifiers. Benton Harbor's Dashiande Harris-Moore was runner-up at 160.

Franco was Niles' only champ, but the Vikings had five runners-up – Robles, Jamison Zimmerman (112), Skylar Means (140), Kade Wagley (145), and Caiden Smith (285).

Finishing third for Niles were Javond Ball (135) and Chase Andres (215), and coming in fourth was Hunter Fazi (152).

Championship matches
215 – Zeke Rohl (Lakeshore) p. Zakary Foster (Allegan) 1:03; 285 – Jakob Slater (Otsego) d. Caiden Smith (Niles) 1-0; 103 – Nolan Wertanen (St. Joseph) m.d. Mikey Robles (Niles) 8-0; 112 – Trammel Robinson (Plainwell) d. Jamison Zimmerman (Niles) 5-3; 119 – Aaron Lucio (Lakeshore) d. Josh Sunnerville (Otsego) 3-2; 125 – Ryan Franco (Niles) d. Jacob Halsey (St. Joseph) 3-0; 130 – Micah Hanau (Lakeshore) m.d. Chandler Froehlich (Harper Creek) 17-3; 135 – Shane Williams (Lakeshore) p. Tyson Emmons (Allegan) 3:15; 140 – Jackson Hoover (Edwardsburg) d. Skylar Means (Niles) 5-1; 145 – Jacob Reece (Edwardsburg) p. Kade Wagley (Niles) 4:57; 152 – Owen McDaniel (Plainwell) d. Easton Kolassa (BC Harper Creek) 4-1; 160 – Anthony Williamson (Mattawan) p. Dashiande Harris-Moore (Benton Harbor) 1:33; 171 – Nick Buchanan (Coldwater) d. Matt Gipple (Coldwater) 25-10; 189 – Dillon Hursh (Edwardsburg) d. James Campbell (Mattawan) by forfeit.

Third-place matches
215 – Chase Andres (Niles) p. Aidan Calderon (Mattawan) 3:31; 285 – Logan Pennock (Gull Lake) p. Julian Alldredge (Sturgis) 3:46; 103 – Hashed Abdullah (Coldwater) d. Bryce Trimm (BC Harper Creek) 5-2; 112 – Cameron Litaker (Lakeshore) d. Mitchell Dame (Gull Lake) 5-0; 119 – Cameron Sanderson (Mattawan) p. Colby Klinger (Mattawan) 0:51; 125 – Jonathan Gelesko (Lakeshore) d. Marshall Hoard (Coldwater) 6-4; 130 – Kenny Barrera-Garcia (Sturgis) d. Brian Castellanos (BC Harper Creek) 2-1; 135 – Javond Ball (Niles) d. Austin Peacock (Edwardsburg) 5-2; 140 – Yazan Farhan (St. Joseph) d. Jason Reeves (Gull Lake) 14-10; 145 – James Harris (Lakeshore) p. Trever Brooks (BC Harper Creek) 1:30; 152 – Dakota Oman (Gull Lake) p. Hunter Fazi (Niles) 4:38; 160 – Case Rohl (Lakeshore) p. Nick Martinez (BC Harper Creek) 4:13; 171 – Caden Reece (Edwardsburg) p. Griffin Drown (Mattawan) 2:10; 189 – Jaden Mainstone (BC Harper Creek) p. Cody Pike (Coldwater) 3:24.

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SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Michigan prep girls basketball poll

The top 10 teams in the Michigan Associated Press high school basketball poll, with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for second,etc.:

Division 1

School	Total	Points
1. East Lansing (5)	(15-1)	75
2. Hartland	(15-1)	65
3. Brighton	(15-1)	64
4. East Grand Rapids	(16-1)	53
5. Hudsonville	(15-1)	48
6. Detroit Renaissance	(16-2)	46
7. Farmington Hills Mercy	(15-2)	45
8. Bloomfield Hills Marian	(13-3)	40
9. Port Huron	(18-0)	36
10. Macomb Dakota	(15-2)	28

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Midland Dow 18, Flint Carman Ainsworth 16, Ann Arbor Huron 15 Byron Center 14, East Kentwood 14.

Division 2

School	Total	Points
1. Detroit Edison (5)	(14-0)	75
2. Chelsea	(15-1)	70
3. Menominee	(16-0)	60
4. Grand Rapids Christian	(14-2)	58
5. Grand Rapids West Catholic	(15-1)	55
6. Edwardsburg	(15-1)	54
7. Goodrich	(14-2)	40
8. Cadillac	(15-1)	38
9. Williamston	(14-3)	34
10. Big Rapids	(15-1)	23

Others receiving votes: Parma Western 22, Portland 18, Battle Creek Harper Creek 13.

Division 3

School	Total	Points
1. Pewamo-Westphalia (5)	(13-2)	75
2. Kent City	(16-1)	70
3. Lake City	(15-1)	58
4. Grass Lake	(14-2)	56
5. Michigan Center	(13-3)	49
6. Brandywine	**(16-0)**	**46**
7. Ypsilanti Arbor Preparatory	(15-4)	38
8. Manton	(16-1)	33
9. Byron	(15-1)	31
10. Maple City Glen Lake	(15-2)	29

Others receiving votes: Flint Hamady 26, Hemlock 13, Ishpeming Westwood 13.

Division 4

School	Total	Points
1. Adrian Lenawee Chr. (4)	(15-1)	60
2. St. Ignace LaSalle	(13-2)	53
3. Bellaire	(16-0)	52
4. Mt Pleasant Sac. Heart	(16-0)	51
5. Kingston	(15-1)	32
(tie) Allen Pk Inter-City Bap.	(13-1)	32
7. Martin	(14-1)	31
8. Ewen-Trout Creek	(15-1)	30
(tie) **Michigan Lutheran**	**(15-1)**	**30**
10. Fowler	(10-3)	21

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Camden-Frontier 19, Pittsford 16, Athens 13.

Michigan prep boys basketball poll

The top 10 teams in the Michigan Associated Press high school basketball poll, with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for second,etc.:

Division 1

School	Total	Points
1. River Rouge (5)	(16-1)	75
2. Orchard Lake St. Mary's	(15-1)	68
3. Clarkston	(14-1)	66
4. Detroit Cass Tech	(17-1)	61
5. Ypsilanti Lincoln	(13-2)	54
6. Ann Arbor Huron	(14-1)	42
7. Mount Pleasant	(15-0)	41
(tie) Waterford Mott	(14-2)	41
9. Grand Blanc	(14-3)	37
10. Muskegon	(13-2)	33

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Hudsonville 21, Wyoming 19, East Lansing 13.

Division 2

School	Total	Points
1. Benton Harbor (4)	**(15-1)**	**60**
2. Grand Rapids Christian	(14-1)	51
3. Williamston	(15-2)	47
4. Goodrich	(15-1)	46
5. Croswell-Lexington	(14-1)	43
6. Grand Rapids Catholic	(14-2)	39
7. Bridgeport	(16-1)	33
8. Carrollton	(14-0)	30
9. Detroit Douglass	(15-4)	24
(tie) Otsego	(15-1)	24

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Ovid-Elsie 21, Frankenmuth 18.

Division 3

School	Total	Points
1. Flint Beecher (3)	(16-1)	73
2. Iron Mountain (2)	(14-0)	71
3. Schoolcraft	(16-0)	58
4. Hanover-Horton	(14-1)	56
5. Ravenna	(15-0)	53
6. Pewamo-Westphalia	(13-1)	49
7. Oscoda	(15-0)	46
8. Blissfield	(14-1)	33
9. Negaunee	(14-1)	32
10. Detroit Edison	(10-4)	27

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Maple City Glen Lake 19, **Brandywine 15**, Hemlock 13.

Division 4

School	Total	Points
1. Southfield Christian (4)	(13-3)	60
2. Kingston	(15-0)	54
(tie) Dollar Bay	(15-0)	54
4. Hillsdale Academy	(14-1)	48
5. Gaylord St. Mary	(12-2)	38
6. Hale	(14-2)	36
(tie) Pellston	(13-2)	36
8. Pickford	(12-2)	34
9. Rudyard	(12-3)	26
10. Bellevue	(13-2)	25

Others receiving 12 or more votes: Frankfort-Elberta 17, Camden-Frontier 15.

Standings through Saturday's games
Girls

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

West Division

	Div	Overall
St. Joseph	7-1	11-6
Portage Central	7-1	14-2
Niles	5-3	8-8
Mattawan	3-5	7-10
Lakeshore	2-6	6-11
Portage Northern	0-8	3-14

East Division

	Div	Overall
BC Lakeview	5-1	11-5
BC Central	5-2	15-3
Kal. Central	3-3	8-9
Gull Lake	2-4	8-8
Kal. Loy Norrix	0-5	3-13

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE

North Division

	Div	Overall
Plainwell	8-0	12-4
Otsego	4-3	7-10
Allegan	3-4	7-9
Paw Paw	2-5	5-12
South Haven	1-6	2-15

South Division

	Div	Overall
Edwardsburg	6-1	15-1
Three Rivers	6-1	14-3
Sturgis	3-5	7-10
Vicksburg	2-4	9-8
Dowagiac	0-9	1-16

BERRIEN-CASS-ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE

Red Division

	Div	Overall
Brandywine	7-0	15-0
Buchanan	7-1	12-4
Berrien Springs	4-4	6-11
Comstock	3-4	3-12
Bridgman	2-6	3-13
Parchment	0-8	0-17

White Division

	Div	Overall
Michigan Lutheran	11-1	15-1
New Buffalo	10-2	13-4
River Valley	9-3	11-5
Lake Michigan Catholic	7-4	9-6
Howardsville Christian	4-8	4-10
Lawrence	4-8	4-13
Countryside	2-9	2-9
Covert	0-12	2-12

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Lakeshore Division

	Div	Overall
Martin	6-1	14-1
Gobles	6-1	13-2
Coloma	4-4	7-9
Fennville	3-4	6-9
Saugatuck	3-5	9-8
Watervliet	0-7	4-12

Valley Division

	Div	Overall
Schoolcraft	9-1	14-2
Kal. Hackett	7-2	12-4
Kal. Christian	7-3	12-5
Delton Kellogg	4-6	8-9
Galesburg-Augusta	3-6	9-8
Constantine	3-6	5-10
Lawton	0-9	0-16

SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall
Centreville	12-1	15-1
White Pigeon	11-3	12-4
Bloomingdale	10-3	10-5
Decatur	9-3	12-3
Hartford	7-6	9-6
Marcellus	4-9	7-9
Cassopolis	3-9	4-9
Mendon	1-10	2-10
Bangor	0-13	1-14

INDEPENDENT

	Overall
Benton Harbor	**3-12**

Boys

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

West Division

	Div	Overall
Portage Central	7-0	13-1
Lakeshore	6-1	13-2
Portage Northern	3-4	7-7
St. Joseph	3-4	5-10
Mattawan	1-6	2-13
Niles	1-6	2-13

East Division

	Div	Overall
Kal. Central	6-0	12-3
Gull Lake	4-2	8-7
BC Central	2-4	7-9
BC Lakeview	1-4	7-7
Kal. Loy Norrix	1-4	3-11

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE

North Division

	Div	Overall
Otsego	6-0	15-1
Plainwell	4-3	5-11
South Haven	3-3	7-7
Paw Paw	3-4	6-10
Allegan	0-6	2-13

South Division

	Div	Overall
Dowagiac	6-1	11-5
Edwardsburg	5-1	9-7
Vicksburg	2-4	6-10
Sturgis	2-5	7-8
Three Rivers	1-5	6-9

BERRIEN-CASS-ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE

Red Division

	Div	Overall
Brandywine	6-1	13-1
Buchanan	4-2	12-2
Bridgman	4-2	11-4
Parchment	4-3	7-7
Comstock	2-5	4-10
Berrien Springs	0-7	5-9

White Division

	Div	Overall
River Valley	11-0	13-2
New Buffalo	8-1	8-6
Howardsville Christian	7-4	8-8
Countryside	6-5	6-8
Lawrence	5-5	6-10
Michigan Lutheran	4-6	6-8
Lake Michigan Catholic	2-10	2-11
Covert	0-12	0-15

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Lakeshore Division

	Div	Overall
Fennville	8-0	12-3
Coloma	5-3	8-7
Gobles	4-4	10-5
Martin	3-4	6-9
Watervliet	2-5	5-10
Saugatuck	1-7	2-13

Valley Division

	Div	Overall
Schoolcraft	10-0	16-0
Kal. Christian	7-3	11-5
Kal. Hackett	5-4	7-8
Constantine	4-5	6-9
Delton Kellogg	4-6	7-8
Lawton	3-6	5-10
Galesburg-Augusta	0-9	1-14

SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall
Marcellus	11-2	12-3
Cassopolis	10-2	10-4
Bloomingdale	10-3	12-3
Centreville	10-3	11-4
Eau Claire	7-6	8-7
Hartford	6-7	7-8
White Pigeon	6-7	6-8
Decatur	2-10	3-11
Mendon	1-11	1-11
Bangor	0-12	0-13

INDEPENDENT

	Overall
Benton Harbor	15-1

AREA SCHEDULE

Today

Boys basketball

Benton Harbor at Muskegon Heights, 7
Mishawaka at St. Joseph, 7
Lakeshore at Mishawaka (Ind.) Marian, 7
South Haven at Coloma, 7
Watervliet at Lawton, 7
Michigan Lutheran at Kal. Heritage, 7:15
Niles at Edwardsburg, 7:15
Berrien Springs at Dowagiac, 7:15
Bridgman at Buchanan, 7:30
Centreville at Decatur, 7:30
Eau Claire at White Pigeon, 7:30
Hartford at Marcellus, 7:30
Cassopolis at Bloomingdale, 7:30

Girls basketball

Watervliet at Lawton, 5:30
Coloma at South Haven, 6
Benton Harbor at Buchanan, 7
Edwardsburg at Niles, 7
Martin at Lawrence, 7
Decatur at Centreville, 7:30
White Pigeon at Eau Claire, 7:30
Marcellus at Hartford, 7:30
Bloomingdale at Cassopolis, 7:30

Boys swimming

Kal. Central at St. Joseph, 6
BC Central at Bridgman, 6

Wednesday

Wrestling

Team regionals

Division 2 at BC Harper Creek

Lakeshore vs. Niles, 6
BC Harper Creek vs. Plainwell, 6
Championship, 7:30

Division 3 at Hopkins

South Haven vs. Dowagiac, 6
Hopkins vs. Constantine, 6
Championship, 7:30

Division 4 at Lawton

Decatur vs. White Pigeon, 6
Lawton vs. Eau Claire, 6
Championship, 7:30

College basketball

Ancilla College at LMC women, 5:30
Ancilla College at LMC men, 7:30

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's AP Top 25 poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (48)	23-1	1559	1
2. Gonzaga (14)	26-1	1518	2
3. Kansas (1)	22-3	1434	3
4. San Diego St.	26-0	1404	4
5. Dayton	23-2	1294	6
6. Duke	22-3	1285	7
7. Maryland	21-4	1194	9
8. Florida St.	21-4	1088	8
9. Penn St.	20-5	1024	13
10. Kentucky	20-5	1011	12
11. Louisville	21-5	837	5
12. Villanova	19-6	824	15
13. Auburn	22-3	818	11
14. Oregon	20-6	742	17
15. Creighton	20-6	718	23
16. Seton Hall	18-7	672	10
17. West Virginia	18-7	552	14
18. Colorado	20-6	501	16
19. Marquette	17-7	404	18
20. Iowa	18-8	254	21
21. Butler	19-7	242	19
22. Houston	20-6	237	20
23. BYU	21-7	188	—
24. Arizona	18-7	102	—
25. Ohio St.	17-8	95	—

Others receiving votes: Texas Tech 92, Michigan St. 87, Michigan 83, LSU 55, Rhode Island 39, Virginia 32, Cincinnati 14, Stephen F. Austin 14, Illinois 12, N. Iowa 9, Utah St. 8, Florida 6, Rutgers 6, ETSU 5, Saint Mary's (Cal) 4, Richmond 3, Tulsa 3, New Mexico St. 2, SMU 2, Arizona St 1, Wright St. 1.

NOTRE DAME 77, NORTH CAROLINA 76

NORTH CAROLINA (10-16)

Anthony 7-16 6-6 23, Bacot 1-6 0-0 2, Brooks 11-18 0-2 22, Black 2-6 4-4 9, Keeling 3-8 2-2 9, Robinson 4-8 0-0 11, Pierce 0-3 0-0 0, Platek 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-66 12-14 76.

NOTRE DAME (16-10)

Durham 3-5 2-5 8, Mooney 6-13 1-2 13, Gibbs 5-11 0-0 14, Hubb 7-17 4-5 20, Pflueger 1-3 0-0 3, Laszewski 3-7 3-5 11, Goodwin 3-7 0-0 8. Totals 28-63 10-17 77.

Halftime—Notre Dame 36-33. 3-Point Goals—North Carolina 8-20 (Robinson 3-6, Anthony 3-8, Black 1-2, Keeling 1-2, Pierce 0-1, Platek 0-1), Notre Dame 11-34 (Gibbs 4-8, Goodwin 2-4, Laszewski 2-6, Hubb 2-9, Pflueger 1-3, Mooney 0-4). Rebounds—North Carolina 42 (Bacot, Black 10), Notre Dame 29 (Mooney 10). Assists—North Carolina 18 (Anthony 6), Notre Dame 15 (Hubb 8). Total Fouls—North Carolina 17, Notre Dame 15. A—8,150 (9,149).

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Conference W	L	Pct	All Games W	L	Pct
Duke	12	2	.857	22	3	.880
Louisville	12	3	.800	21	5	.808
Florida St.	11	3	.786	21	4	.840
Virginia	9	5	.643	17	7	.708
NC State	7	7	.500	16	9	.640
Syracuse	7	7	.500	14	11	.560
Notre Dame	7	8	.467	16	10	.615
Clemson	7	8	.467	13	12	.520
Boston College	7	8	.467	13	13	.500
Virginia Tech	6	8	.429	15	10	.600
Georgia Tech	6	8	.429	12	13	.480
Pittsburgh	6	9	.400	15	11	.577
Miami	5	10	.333	13	12	.520
Wake Forest	4	11	.267	11	14	.440
North Carolina	3	12	.200	10	16	.385

Monday's Games

Notre Dame 77, North Carolina 76

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh at Florida St., 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Syracuse at Louisville, 7 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.
Boston College at Virginia, 8 p.m.
Duke at NC State, 9 p.m.
Miami at Virginia Tech, 9 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference W	L	Pct	All Games W	L	Pct
Maryland	11	3	.786	21	4	.840
Penn St.	10	4	.714	20	5	.800
Iowa	9	6	.600	18	8	.692
Rutgers	9	6	.600	18	8	.692
Michigan St.	9	6	.600	17	9	.654
Illinois	8	6	.571	16	9	.640
Wisconsin	8	6	.571	15	10	.600
Ohio St.	7	7	.500	17	8	.680
Michigan	7	7	.500	16	9	.640
Purdue	7	8	.467	14	12	.538
Indiana	6	8	.429	16	9	.640
Minnesota	6	8	.429	12	12	.500
Nebraska	2	12	.143	7	18	.280
Northwestern	1	13	.071	6	18	.250

Today's Games

Illinois at Penn St., 6:30 p.m.
Purdue at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Northwestern at Maryland, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Michigan at Rutgers, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Ohio St. at Iowa, 7 p.m.
Michigan St. at Nebraska, 8:30 p.m.

Women's AP Top 25 poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (27)	24-1	747	1
2. Baylor (2)	23-1	713	2
3. Oregon (1)	24-2	700	3
4. Stanford	23-3	620	8
5. Louisville	23-3	611	9
6. UConn	21-3	605	5
7. Maryland	22-4	557	10
8. UCLA	21-3	554	7
9. Mississippi St.	22-4	516	6
10. N.C. State	22-3	481	4
11. Arizona	21-4	460	12
12. DePaul	24-3	413	13
13. Gonzaga	25-2	337	15
14. Kentucky	19-5	320	18
15. Oregon St.	19-6	311	11
16. Texas A&M	20-5	307	16
17. Florida St.	20-5	269	14
18. Northwestern	22-3	263	19
19. Iowa	21-5	203	17
20. South Dakota	24-2	167	21
21. Arizona St.	18-8	143	22
22. Arkansas	20-5	128	23
23. Missouri St.	21-3	122	24
24. Indiana	20-7	87	20
25. Princeton	19-1	52	—

Others receiving votes: TCU 30, Florida Gulf Coast 15, LSU 6, Tennessee 5, Cent. Michigan 3, Stony Brook 3, Fresno St. 2.

NASCAR

Daytona 500
Monday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.

1. (21) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 209.
2. (27) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 209.
3. (19) Chris Buescher, Ford, 209.
4. (30) David Ragan, Ford, 209.
5. (10) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 209.
6. (29) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 209.
7. (39) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 209.
8. (36) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 209.
9. (7) Ryan Newman, Ford, 209.
10. (8) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 209.
11. (23) John Hunter Nemechek, Ford, 209.
12. (13) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 209.
13. (33) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 209.
14. (26) Michael McDowell, Ford, 209.
15. (11) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 209.
16. (34) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 209.
17. (25) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 209.
18. (14) Erik Jones, Toyota, 208.
19. (16) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 207.
20. (1) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 206.
21. (17) Christopher Bell, Toyota, Accident, 205.
22. (5) Aric Almirola, Ford, 205.
23. (37) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 203.
24. (2) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 203.
25. (20) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, Accident, 201.
26. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, Accident, 200.
27. (32) Timmy Hill, Ford, Accident, 200.
28. (22) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, Accident, 199.
29. (31) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, Accident, 198.
30. (24) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, Accident, 198.
31. (40) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, Accident, 192.
32. (15) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, Accident, 186.
33. (18) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, Accident, 184.
34. (28) Kyle Busch, Toyota, Engine, 184.
35. (6) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, Accident, 184.
36. (9) Brad Keselowski, Ford, Accident, 183.
37. (12) Cole Custer, Ford, Rear End, 174.
38. (38) BJ McLeod, Ford, Accident, 105.
39. (35) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, Accident, 89.
40. (4) William Byron, Chevrolet, Accident, 58.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 141.11 mph.

Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 42 Mins, 10 Secs.

Margin of Victory: .014 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 9 for 39 laps.

Lead Changes: 23 among 13 drivers.

Lap Leaders: R. Stenhouse Jr. 0;R. Stenhouse Jr. 1-23;M. McDowell 24;B. Keselowski 25-28;A. Almirola 29-30;B. Keselowski 31-38;R. Newman 39;A. Almirola 40-43;C. Elliott 44-66;A. Bowman 67;D. Hamlin 68-92;C. LaJoie 93;D. Hamlin 94-135;R. Blaney 136;R. Stenhouse Jr. 137;R. Blaney 138-140;K. Busch 141-148;B. Keselowski 149-163;J. Logano 164-169;J. Johnson 170-172;A. Bowman 173-174;K. Busch 175-180;B. Keselowski 181-183;R. Newman 184-197;D. Hamlin 198-209.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Denny Hamlin 3 times for 79 laps; Brad Keselowski 4 times for 30 laps; Ricky Stenhouse Jr. 2 times for 24 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 23 laps; Ryan Newman 2 times for 15 laps; Kyle Busch 2 times for 14 laps; Aric Almirola 2 times for 6 laps; Joey Logano 1 time for 6 laps; Ryan Blaney 2 times for 4 laps; Alex Bowman 2 times for 3 laps; Jimmie Johnson 1 time for 3 laps; Corey LaJoie 1 time for 1 lap; Michael McDowell 1 time for 1 lap.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Boston	38	16	.704	1½
Philadelphia	34	21	.618	6
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14
New York	17	38	.309	23

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	19	.648	—
Orlando	24	31	.436	11½
Washington	20	33	.377	14½
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	—
Indiana	32	23	.582	14½
Chicago	19	36	.345	27½
Detroit	19	38	.333	28½
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	33	22	.600	1½
Memphis	28	26	.519	6
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	32	.418	11½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	38	17	.691	—
Utah	36	18	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	33	22	.600	5
Portland	25	31	.446	13½
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	12	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	37	18	.673	5
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20½
Golden State	12	43	.218	30

Sunday's Game

2020 All-Star Game

Team LeBron 157, Team Giannis 155

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	60	37	11	12	86	199	146
Tampa Bay	60	40	15	5	85	215	159
Toronto	60	31	21	8	70	211	199
Florida	59	31	22	6	68	206	201
Buffalo	59	27	24	8	62	171	183
Montreal	61	27	26	8	62	184	188
Ottawa	59	20	28	11	51	156	200
Detroit	61	14	43	4	32	123	229

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	59	37	17	5	79	208	180
Pittsburgh	57	36	15	6	78	191	152
N.Y. Islanders	58	33	19	6	72	167	159
Columbus	60	30	18	12	72	155	150
Philadelphia	59	32	20	7	71	193	177
Carolina	58	33	21	4	70	189	163
N.Y. Rangers	58	30	24	4	64	189	181
New Jersey	58	22	26	10	54	162	204

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	59	32	17	10	74	187	172
Dallas	59	34	19	6	74	161	151
Colorado	58	33	18	7	73	206	164
Nashville	58	29	22	7	65	189	187
Winnipeg	60	30	25	5	65	179	181
Minnesota	58	27	24	7	61	176	187
Chicago	59	26	25	8	60	176	188

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	59	32	21	6	70	190	183
Vegas	61	31	22	8	70	192	185
Vancouver	59	32	22	5	69	191	180
Calgary	61	31	24	6	68	180	190
Arizona	62	30	24	8	68	172	167
San Jose	59	26	29	4	56	155	194
Anaheim	59	24	28	7	55	155	186
Los Angeles	59	21	33	5	47	145	187

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 1
Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Edmonton 4, Carolina 3, OT
Anaheim 5, Vancouver 1
Nashville 2, St. Louis 1
Ottawa 4, Dallas 3, OT
New Jersey 4, Columbus 3, SO
Buffalo 5, Toronto 2
Winnipeg 3, Chicago 2

Monday's Games

Arizona 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Florida 5, San Jose 3
Calgary 6, Anaheim 4
Vegas 3, Washington 2
Tampa Bay 4, Colorado 3, OT

Today's Games

Columbus at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB — Suspended Houston Astros RHP Francis Martes for 162 games without pay after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance, in violation of Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Named Anthony Verni vice president/corporate sponsorships.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jared Hughes on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with LHP Tim Hill, INF Adalberto Mondesi, INF-OF Hunter Dozier, OF Bubba Starling and RHPs Scott Blewett, Carlos Hernandez, Jakob Junis, Glenn Sparkman and Kyle Zimmer on one-year contracts.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with LHP Ryan Buchter to a minor league contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Cory Gearrin on a minor league contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Cody Anderson, OF Carlos Gonzalez and OF Collin Cowgill on minor league contracts.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Promoted Alex Anthopoulos to president/baseball operations and general manager and signed him to a contract extension through 2024. Signed manager Brian Snitker, catching coach Sal Fasano, pitching coach Rick Kranitz, bullpen coach Marty Reed, hitting coach Kevin Seitzer, third base coach Ron Washington, bench coach Walt Weiss, first base/outfield coach Eric Young Sr. and assistant hitting coach José Castro through the 2021 season.
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with 2B Jason Kipnis on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association

WASHINGTON MYSTICS — Re-signed F Emma Meesseman.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Terminated the contracts of CB T.J. Carrie, TE Demetrius Harris, G Eric Kush and LB Adarius Taylor.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Named Matt Raich special defensive assistant/assistant defensive line coach and Jerrod Johnson offensive quality control coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Signed RW Taylor Leier.
CALGARY FLAMES — Placed F Derek Ryan on IR, retroactive to Thursday.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Traded F Blake Coleman to Tampa Bay for F Nolan Foote and a conditional first-round draft pick in 2020 or 2021.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Acquired F Tyler Toffoli from the Los Angeles Kings for F Tim Schaller, F Tyler Madden, a 2020 second-round pick and a conditional fourth-round selection in the 2022 draft.

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**Major League

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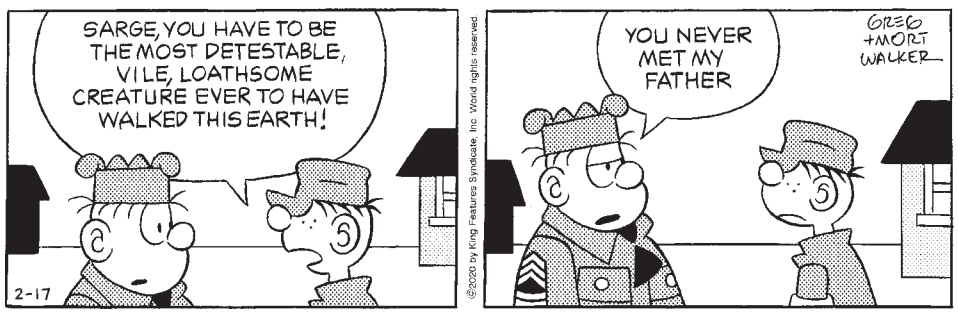
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YOU NEVER MET MY FATHER
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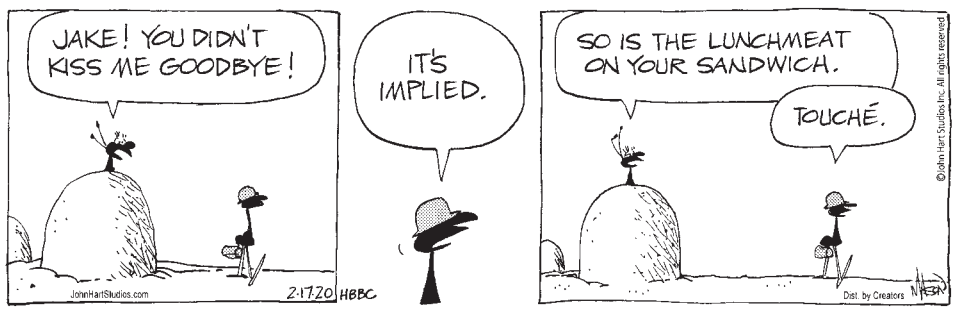

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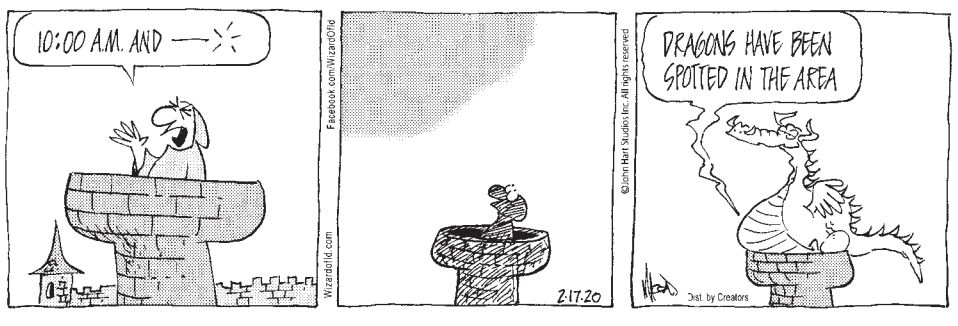

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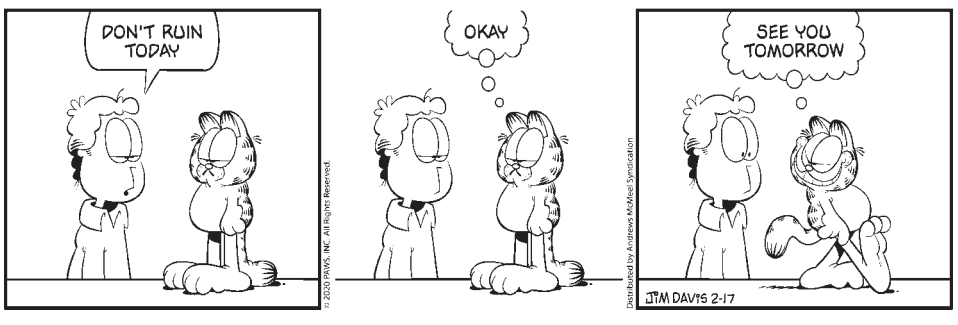

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I FINALLY GOT RID OF THE PRIUS!
GOOD FOR YOU!
THANKS! I WAS SICK OF DRIVING AROUND IN THAT LOUSY TOASTER.
GOING GREEN IS STUPID! SO WHAT DID YOU GET?
A TESLA.
FOOL TANK O' GAS
BOX
SAVE the AMAZON YOTCOM
FREE US
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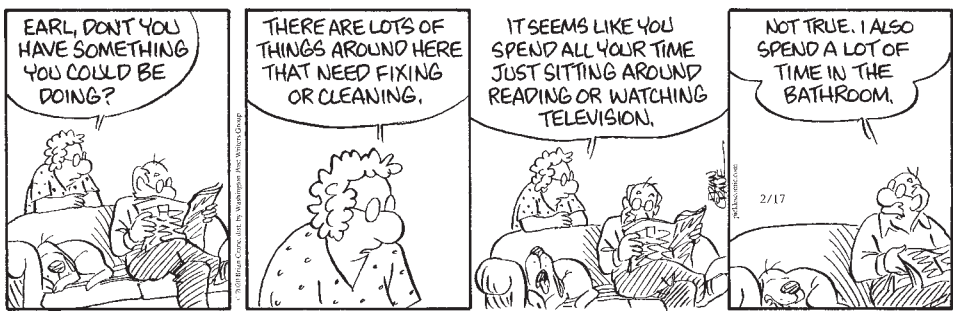
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THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS AROUND HERE THAT NEED FIXING OR CLEANING.
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU SPEND ALL YOUR TIME JUST SITTING AROUND READING OR WATCHING TELEVISION.
NOT TRUE. I ALSO SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE BATHROOM.
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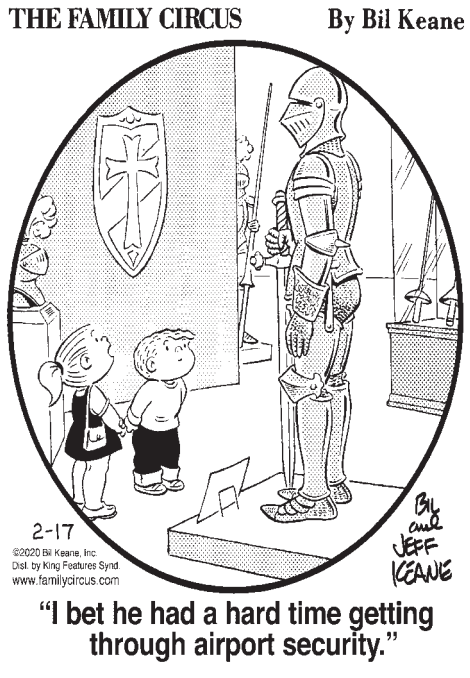
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"I bet he had a hard time getting through airport security."

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I'M DOING IT! I'M STARTING MY OWN YOUTUBE CHANNEL!
GOOD FOR YOU!
SOME OF THESE YOUTUBERS MAKE REALLY BIG MONEY!
GOOD FOR ME!
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CURTIS, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP LATELY
DAD, WHAT I DID I DID OUT OF LOVE - FOR YOU AND FAMILY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME ANY MONEY
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT MONEY? I JUST WANTED TO SAY "THANK YOU"
THOUGHT I COULD GUILT HIM INTO GIVIN' ME MONEY
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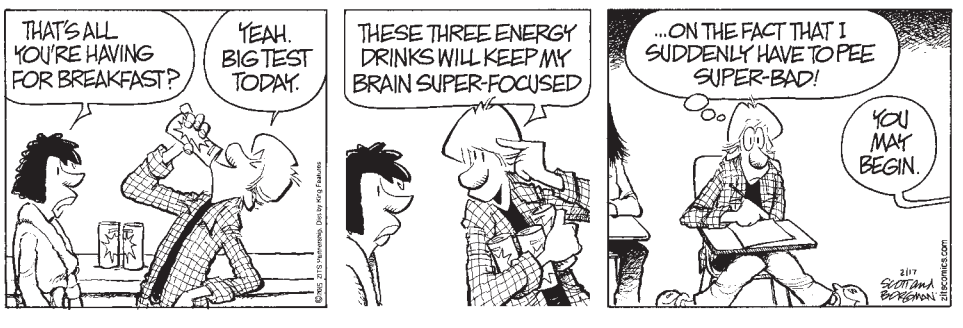
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YEAH. BIG TEST TODAY.
THESE THREE ENERGY DRINKS WILL KEEP MY BRAIN SUPER-FOCUSED
...ON THE FACT THAT I SUDDENLY HAVE TO PEE SUPER-BAD!
YOU MAY BEGIN.
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

I'M OFF TO MY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB MEETING!
ARE THERE ANY GOOD CHOCOLATE CAKE RECIPES IN THAT BOOK?
NO! IT'S A NOVEL!
NOT TO SAY THERE'S NO BEEFCAKE!
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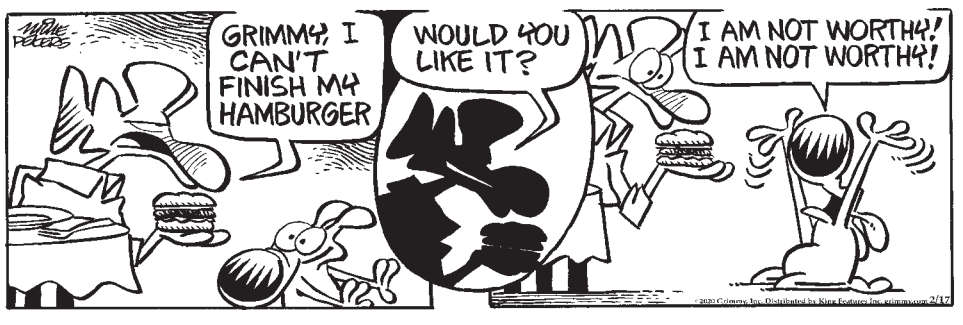

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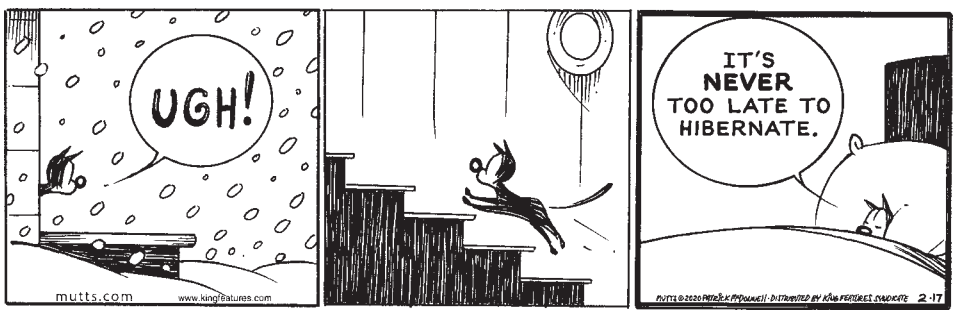

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SO HOW IS THIS A PRESIDENTS DAY SALE AGAIN?
BECAUSE I HAVE THIS MARTIN VAN BUREN NUTCRACKER.
THAT'S MISSING ITS LOWER JAW.
AND THAT ON CLOSER INSPECTION MAY BE LARRY DAVID.
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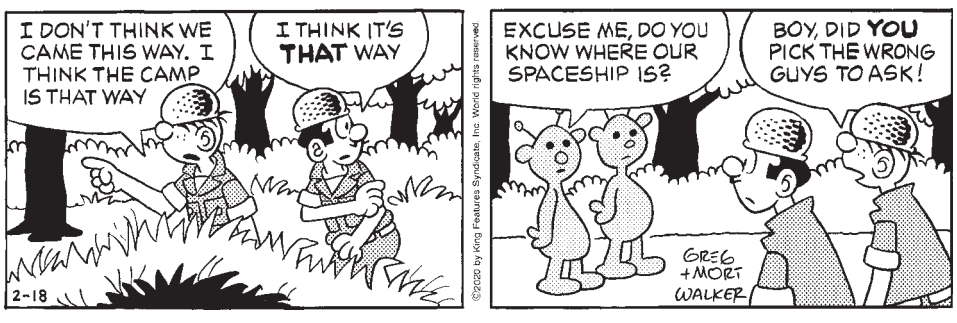
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I THINK IT'S THAT WAY
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EXCUSE ME, DO YOU KNOW WHERE OUR SPACESHIP IS?
BOY, DID YOU PICK THE WRONG GUYS TO ASK!
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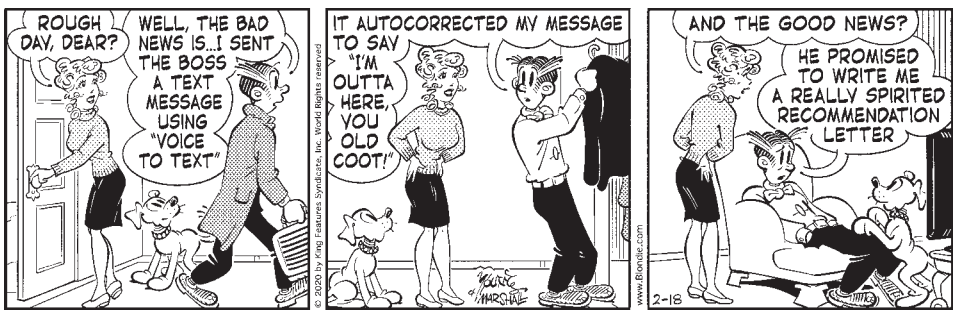
ROUGH DAY, DEAR?
WELL, THE BAD NEWS IS...I SENT THE BOSS A TEXT MESSAGE USING "VOICE TO TEXT"
IT AUTOCORRECTED MY MESSAGE TO SAY "I'M OUTTA HERE, YOU OLD COOT!"
AND THE GOOD NEWS?
HE PROMISED TO WRITE ME A REALLY SPIRITED RECOMMENDATION LETTER
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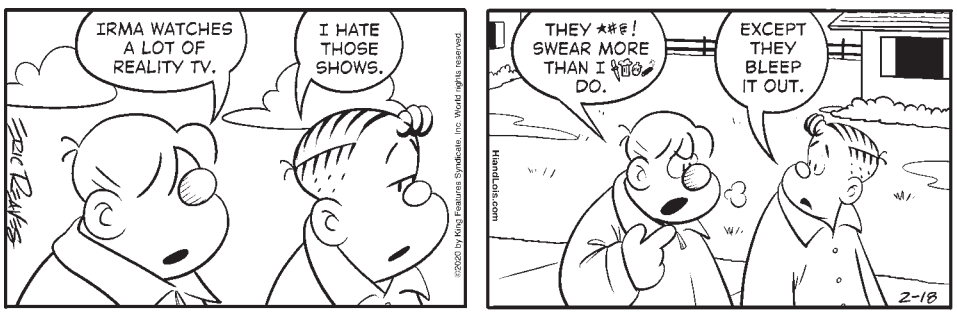
IRMA WATCHES A LOT OF REALITY TV.
I HATE THOSE SHOWS.
THEY ★#$! SWEAR MORE THAN I DO.
EXCEPT THEY BLEEP IT OUT.
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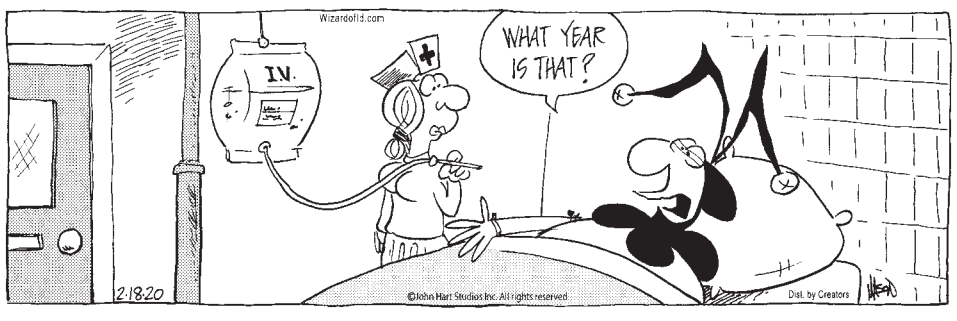

DILBERT

YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE WORKING.
I DON'T WANT TO START SOMETHING NEW BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST THE END OF MY WORK DAY.
IT'S TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.
AND HERE COMES THE MICRO-MANAGING.
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GARFIELD

LET'S SEE...
WHICH ONE OF THESE TREES DID I FALL OUT OF YESTERDAY?
THIS MIGHT BE IT
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FORT KNOX

PICKLES

WHAT'S THE MATTER, OPAL? YOU LOOK A LITTLE DOWN.
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.
GO AHEAD AND TELL ME. YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.
I SET THE DVR TO RECORD "JEOPARDY," BUT IT RECORDED THE NEWS INSTEAD.
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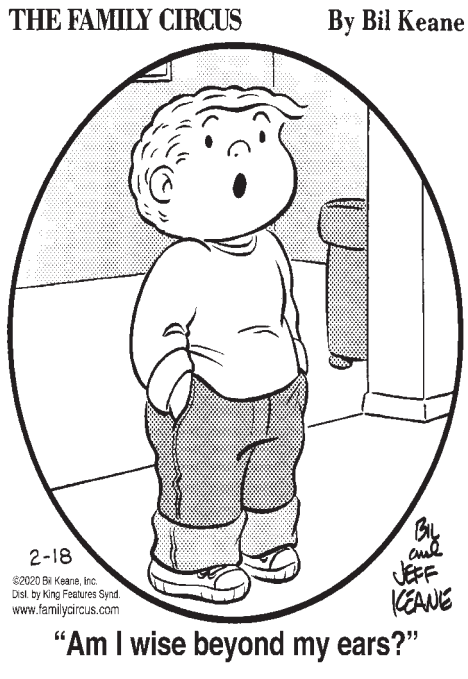
FAMILY CIRCUS



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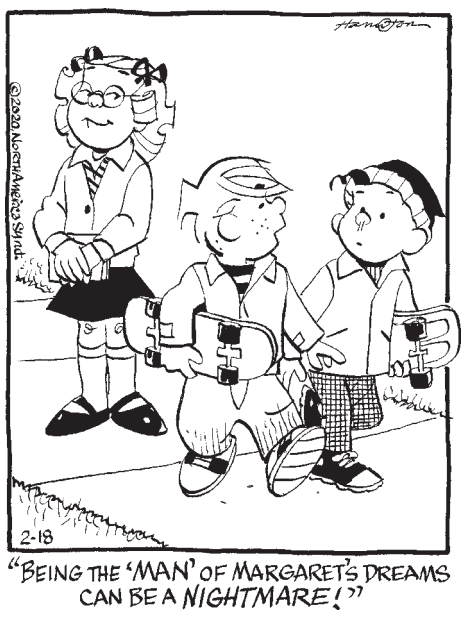

BABY BLUES

GUYS! BIG NEWS!
I'M STARTING A YOUTUBE CHANNEL ABOUT MY PARENTING EXPERIENCES!
WHO'S GOING TO WATCH THAT?
IT COULD TOTALLY WORK. THE BITTER MOM DEMOGRAPHIC IS HUGE.
I'M NOT BITTER! I'M SARDONIC!
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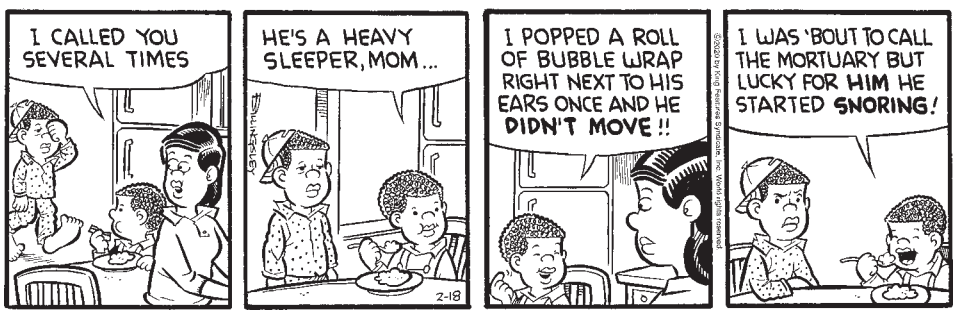
CURTIS


I CALLED YOU SEVERAL TIMES
HE'S A HEAVY SLEEPER, MOM...
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I POPPED A ROLL OF BUBBLE WRAP RIGHT NEXT TO HIS EARS ONCE AND HE DIDN'T MOVE!!
I WAS 'BOUT TO CALL THE MORTUARY BUT LUCKY FOR HIM HE STARTED SNORING!
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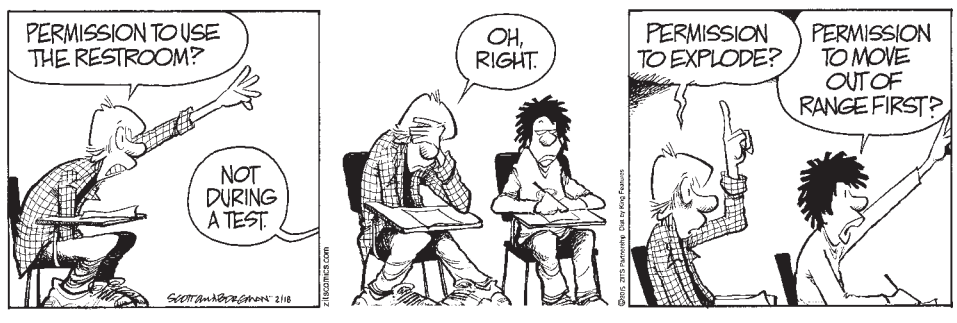

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

HEY, WAITER! WHY THREE FORKS?
DO I REALLY NEED TO GIVE YOU AN ETIQUETTE LESSON?
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JUST TELL HIM THE PROPER FORK TO JAB YOU WITH!
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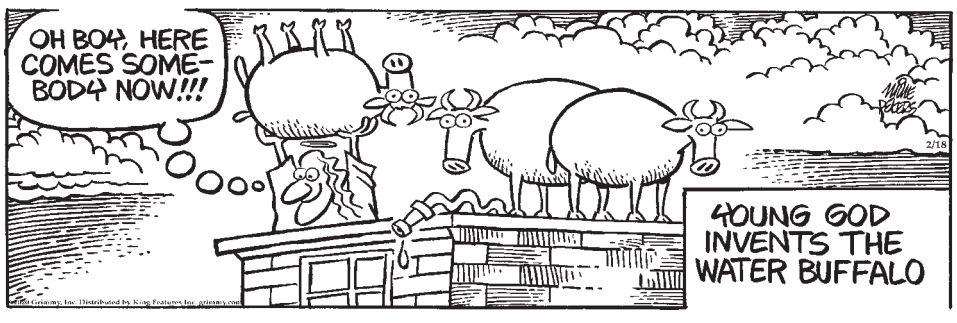
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


OH BOY, HERE COMES SOME-BODY NOW!!!
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YOUNG GOD INVENTS THE WATER BUFFALO
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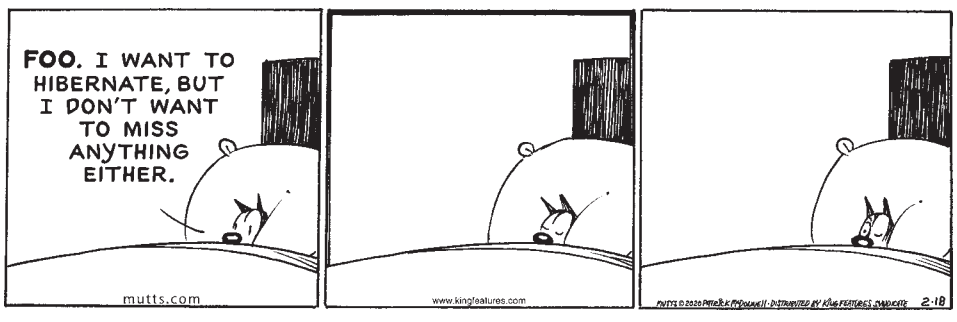

SALLY FORTH

YOU KNOW, THIS IS ALWAYS THE SLOW PERIOD FOR BUSINESSES LIKE MINE. SO HOW ABOUT YOU AND I TAKE A SHORT TRIP?
A TRIP?
SURE! I'M A LITTLE FLUSH WITH CASH FROM HOLIDAY SALES. AND YOU, UH...
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ARE STILL UNEMPLOYED AND HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO?
ARE IN NEED OF SOME ADVENTURE! SEE HOW I SAVED IT WITH THAT LINE?
SEE HOW I BLEW IT WITH THAT FOLLOWING LINE?
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PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING FEB. 18

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	The Conners (N)	Bless This M.	mixed-ish (N)	black-ish (N)	For Life "Promises" (N) CC	
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS A Navy officer obtains a rare coin.		FBI "Safe Room" (N) CC		FBI: Most Wanted "Prophet" (N) CC	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games (N) CC		This Is Us "The Cabin" (N)		:01 New Amsterdam "Sabbath" (N)	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	The Resident "Last Shot" (N)		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	Finding Your Roots With Henry		Frontline Amazon's rapid success and impact. (N) CC			
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	The Flash "A Girl Named Sue" (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (50)	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "Say Her Real Name"		Chicago P.D. "Bad Boys" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Ride Along"	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	The Flash "A Girl Named Sue" (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Darkness and Light"		Highway to Heaven (Part 1 of 2) CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN (9)	News	Hidden History	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 A killer targets the law.		The First 48: Tracking a Killer (N) CC		:02 The First 48: Tracking a Killer (N)	
AMC	Private Ryan	📽 ★★★ Captain Phillips ('13, Docudrama) Tom Hanks. Somali pirates storm a U.S. containership and take hostages. CC					
Animal	Tree	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out (N)				Treehouse Masters	
BET	6:30 📽 ★★ Kidnap ('17)			📽 Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club			
Big Ten	Tip-Off	College Basketball				Postgame	B1G
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Summer House The gang runs wild.	
Cartoon	Titans	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	The Last Castle	📽 ★ Wild Hogs ('07) Tim Allen, John Travolta. CC			:40 📽 ★★ Night School ('18, Comedy) Kevin Hart. CC		
CMT	📽 Steel Magnolias ('12) Queen Latifah, Phylicia Rashad. CC						Footloose
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N) CC		Moonshiners (N) CC		:01 Fear at First Bite CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	📽 Zombies 2 ('20) CC			Gabby	Sydney	Bunk'd
DIY	Barnwood	Mountaintop		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Botched CC		Botched CC		Botched CC		Botched
ESPN	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball Kentucky at LSU. (N)			
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball Baylor at Oklahoma. (N)			
ESPNC	Basket	College Football From Nov. 25, 1995.				College Football	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Chopped (N) CC	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Detroit Red Wings.					Red Wings Live (N)	
Freefrm	Silver Linings	📽 ★★ The Twilight Saga: New Moon ('09) Kristen Stewart. Bella finds herself drawn into the world of werewolves. CC					
FX	Transformers	📽 ★★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17) Colin Firth. British spies join forces with their American counterparts. CC					
Golf	Golf	Golf's Greatest Rounds (N)					Ball
Hallmark	Chan Romance	📽 All of My Heart ('15, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Brennan Elliott, Ed Asner. CC				📽 Love and Sunshine ('19) CC	
HBO	We Are, Dream	:10 📽 ★★★ Shazam! ('19) Zachary Levi. Shazam squares off against the evil Dr. Thaddeus Sivana. CC					:25 The Outsider
History	Washing	Washington (N) CC				Project Blue Book	
HGTV	Fixer	Love It or List It		Unsella	Unsella	Rehab	Rehab
Learning	Fabulous	Fat Fabulous		I Am Jazz (N)		Sister Wives	
Lifetime	Sleeping With	📽 ★★ Unforgettable ('17) Rosario Dawson. A jealous woman terrorizes her ex-husband's fiancee. CC					Perfect Soul
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Siesta Key (N) CC		Teen Mom: Young		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Track & Field			Track & Field		
NFL	NFL Total	NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest	
Nick	Journey 2-Mysterious Isl.			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Below Zero: Ice Breakers			Life Below Zero		:14 Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Promise" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Snitch"		Chicago P.D. "Home"	
Parmt	:00 📽 ★★★ Independence Day ('96) Will Smith.					Ink Master (N) CC	
Showtime	:00 📽 ★★★ District 9 ('09) Sharlto Copley. CC			Homeland "Catch and Release" CC		📽 Them That Follow ('19, Drama) CC	
Starz	:19 📽 ★★★ Adventureland ('09) Jesse Eisenberg. CC			:08 Outlander "The Fiery Cross" CC		:12 📽 ★★ Kicking & Screaming	
STZENC	:22 📽 ★★ Are We There Yet? ('05) Ice Cube. CC			📽 ★★ Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins ('08, Comedy) Martin Lawrence. CC			
SyFy	Magnificent	📽 ★★ Point Break ('15, Action) Édgar Ramírez, Luke Bracey, Ray Winstone. (DVS)				:15 📽 ★ After Earth ('13) CC	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Miracle Workers
TCM	In Which We Serve	📽 ★★★★ Brief Encounter ('45) Celia Johnson. CC			:45 📽 ★★ Sons and Lovers ('60) Trevor Howard. (P).		
TMC	:00 📽 ★★ Beloved ('98) Oprah Winfrey. A former slave is visited by a strange young woman in 1873.					📽 What's Love Got to Do With It	
TNT	Longest	📽 ★★★ Ted ('12) Mark Wahlberg.				The Longest Yard	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures "Crimes of the Dead" (N)				Portals to Hell (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	King	King
USA	Biggest Loser	7:59 The Biggest Loser (N)		The Biggest Loser (N) CC (DVS)		:01 Miz & Mrs (N)	Modern Family
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 📽 ★★ Fast & Furious ('09, Action) Vin Diesel. CC			📽 ★★ Fast & Furious ('09, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. CC			

Woman is pressured to tell friend of husband's flirting

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends with "Caroline" for more than 20 years. Her husband is present when they visit us because they live out of state, and when I visit her, he is there. I have been married for 28 years, and my husband doesn't join me when I visit Caroline.

Caroline travels worldwide for work. Her husband has family near me. One time, when he was in town and she was traveling, I invited him to meet me for dinner. He got the wrong idea and thought it was a date behind his wife's back. She knew we were having dinner, but I never revealed to her that he made a pass at me that evening. I corrected him, explained I wasn't trying to start a romance and emphasized I would never do that to my friend.

When I got home that night, my husband asked how dinner went, and I shared what happened. He took it personally. He felt disrespected and told me to tell Caroline. Others I have spoken to about this said don't say anything. This happened a year or two ago.

My husband and I are now invited to the wedding of Caroline's stepdaughter. My husband refuses to go because of what happened. He insists I should tell Caroline and explain why he isn't coming.

I have no feelings whatsoever for her husband and would never engage in anything with him. Their marriage is already rocky. Both have had extramarital affairs, and he said he planned to divorce her last year but hasn't. Should I tell Caroline what happened? – Covering Up

DEAR COVERING: I see nothing positive to be gained by telling Caroline at this late date. It's ancient history. Caroline already knows that her husband has cheated in the past. I do not think it would be helpful to rock the boat.

DEAR ABBY: This is a delicate subject for me, one I've never been faced with before. I have been speaking to a really nice guy I met online, and after many weeks of talking, we decided to meet up. It wasn't anyplace special or expensive; it was a lunch spot. I wore jeans and new shoes, and did my hair to look nice for him. We had a pleasant lunch, which he insisted on paying for.

Abby, in his pictures, he is very handsome. In most of them he was well-dressed and -kept. He showed up in a knit ski hat that covered nearly his whole head, and the rest of his attire was wrinkled and sloppy. It was not what I expected for our first date that we had been talking about for a long time.

I'm thinking I may be disappointed because I may have built up expectations in my head. We are talking about a second date, and I'd like to give him another chance to crisp himself up, but I would like to handle it delicately so as not to hurt his feelings. I never thought of myself as judgmental. Am I being unreasonable for wishing my new boyfriend wants to look good for me as I do for him? How do I handle this? – Second Thoughts

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: Here's how. Recognize that he is not your "new boyfriend"; he is only a candidate for the "job." Go out with him a few more times and get to know him well enough that you can have an honest conversation with him. If he doesn't shape up, at that point, tell him what you told me. Leave out the part about blaming yourself for your feelings. They are honest, and you are entitled to them, and frankly, you might be doing him a favor to speak up.

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What's a proper punishment for my 11-year-old son who is acting out at school and home?

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from a recent online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My son, 11, has been acting up in school: not doing his homework, talking during class, picking on younger kids, getting detentions, and just being an all-around brat. At home he's picking on his siblings and talking back to me and his dad.

We've had him tested by both his pediatrician and the school psychologist and no underlying health issues of any kind have been identified.

Every other year I take the children on a really big vacation. This year we are going to California for three weeks. My son has never been and really wants to go. His father and I have told him all year that if he doesn't behave, he won't go to California. When I've reminded him, he behaves for a week or so then goes back to misbehaving.

Best case, he will only have a 2.3 at most and we agreed on a 3.0 or higher for California. I told my son he won't be able to go, and he just laughed. My ex-husband and I decided we have to follow through.

Is it reasonable for me to leave him with his dad while I take the other children on vacation? **– Good to My Word?**

He laughed. You have to follow through.

But please also learn from this that imposing big, abstract (to a child) consequences to immediate, impulsive acts is a serious mismatch of effect to cause, and therefore likely ineffective.

Natural consequences – meaning, the bad outcomes you get in the moment, caused by the poor choice itself – are much better teachers than the stuff we make up. Canceling his trip puts months between action and consequence, and makes you (in his mind), not his actions, the reason he's missing out.

Plus, you always have to consider before imposing a consequence whether it's something you actually want. You can't say, for example, "No sports if you get a C!" when you know the sport is a healthy emotional outlet that helps your kid focus. If you're caught up in the moment, it's OK to say, "There will need to be a consequence, but I need to figure out what's appropriate." Then take time to see what you do and don't want to impose, and whether a natural consequence has already done the work for you – or whether you misguidedly stood in the way of such a consequence.

Given the seriousness of picking on other kids – "brat" is also cringe-inducing – it's time to bring him, and you, and your whole methodology for raising him to a good family therapist. Something is going on, and defiance needs addressing ASAP, while you still hold whatever reins you still hold. When he's 16-ish and can move about freely, you're going to regret not figuring out how to secure his cooperation in his own well-being.

Learn what's going on, and learn how to be a more effective parent. Try parenting classes, too. Soon, soon. Ask his pediatrician for suggestions, or PEP (pepparent.org).

RE: "BRAT": My brother wore "brat" like a badge of honor and continued to escalate the bad acts that got my parents to give him the attention he needed. Please don't slander your child, and take Carolyn's advice to understand why he's feeling the need to act out. **– Anonymous**

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ACROSS
1 Tiny speck
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8 Billiards stick
11 Give it — —
12 QED part
13 Stiff and sore
14 Quick lunch
15 Ibsen heroine
16 Biography
17 Part of SWAK
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36 More than serious
37 Narrow inlet
38 Queries
39 Zig and —
40 Fabled lumberjack
42 Force to flee
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47 Cause a blister
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59 Sawbuck
60 Hasty escape
61 Firecracker sound
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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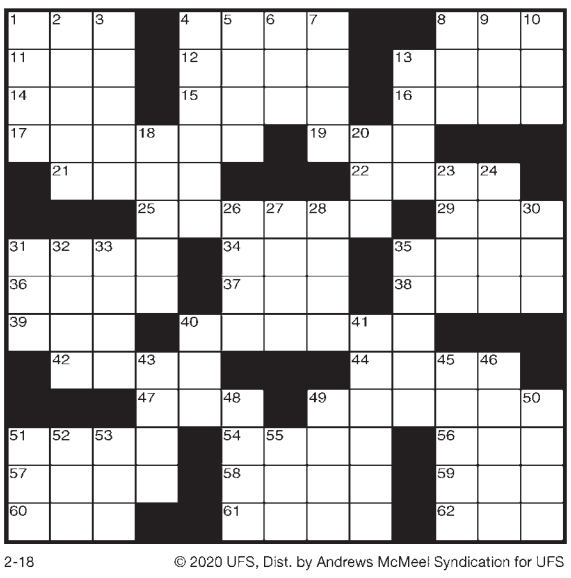

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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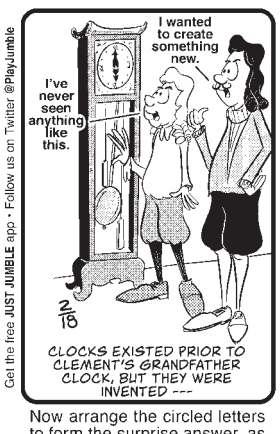
BIRNO

SCILEK

FRETOG


I've never seen anything like this.
I wanted to create something new.
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CLOCKS EXISTED PRIOR TO CLEMENT'S GRANDFATHER CLOCK, BUT THEY WERE INVENTED ---

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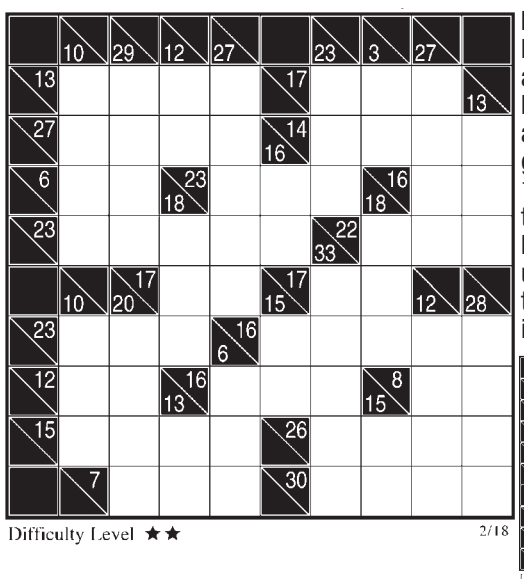
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

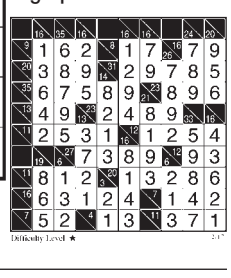
Yesterday's Jumbles: DRINK PRUNE STRESS PULLEY
Answer: The first cats to live in the White House were the — "PURR-RESIDENTS"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★ 2/18

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

John G. Vance, an English clergyman, wrote, "Remember that it is far better to follow well than to lead indifferently."

That is a good tip for bridge players. If partner suggests an opening lead to you, it will usually be right to trust him.

In this deal, if East does not double North's two-club Stayman response, West will probably lead the diamond 10 against four spades. Then declarer will probably take his three diamond winners to pitch a club from the board, play a heart to the ace and run the spade queen. When the finesse works, South will take 11 tricks: four spades, four hearts and three diamonds.

What happens, though, when West leads the club eight in answer to his partner's double?

East takes three tricks in the suit, West discarding a discouraging diamond deuce. Now East should check the high-card points. Dummy has 11, he has 13 and declarer promised 15-17. That leaves at most one for West, but East has seen all four jacks. Since West has no points, a red-suit switch is pointless.

Whenever you have taken all possible side-suit tricks, concede a ruff-and-sluff. East must lead a fourth club. If partner has either the spade eight or nine, his ruff will effect an uppercut. Dummy overruffs, but East will now collect a trump trick by covering either remaining honor when it is led from the board. Note also that it doesn't help South to ruff the fourth club with his spade nine. East will still score a trump trick.

If I may paraphrase the Bard: I count myself in nothing else so happy as in a soul remembering the high-card points.

North 02-18-20
♠ Q J 10 2
♥ A K J 10
♦ 7 4
♣ 6 5 3

West
♠ 8
♥ 9 7 6 5 2
♦ 10 9 6 3 2
♣ 8 2

East
♠ K 7 6 3
♥ 4
♦ J 8 5
♣ A K Q 7 4

South
♠ A 9 5 4
♥ Q 8 3
♦ A K Q
♣ J 10 9

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Dbl.
2♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 8

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

				3	7		9	
9	1	3		4		8		
6		8		1		4		2
		1	5	6				9
	9	6	7	8	1	3	4	
7				2	9	1		
3		7		9		2		6
		2		5		9	7	4
	8		6	7				

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	6	5	4	2	1	8	3	7
7	2	4	6	8	3	1	5	9
8	1	3	5	7	9	4	6	2
2	3	8	7	9	6	5	4	1
1	5	9	8	4	2	3	7	6
4	7	6	1	3	5	9	2	8
3	9	7	2	5	8	6	1	4
5	4	1	9	6	7	2	8	3
6	8	2	3	1	4	7	9	5

CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLANNING COMMISSION

On Thursday, March 5, 2020 the Planning Commission for the City of South Haven will hear public comments related to the following request. The public hearings will be held at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven concerning the following:

1. Article XII: HSD - Health Services District Zoning Amendment.

The City of South Haven will be hearing comments to a proposed Amendment to Article XII of the City of South Haven Zoning Ordinance. Article XII of the South Haven Zoning Ordinance is being amended to specify a Health Services District (HSD) expansion within this article. The purpose of this district is to accommodate, promote, and expand the health services industry in the City of South Haven by providing a setting in which the physical design and supporting amenities are attractive to the health service business sector.

2. Ordinance to amend Section 1716 of the South Haven Zoning Ordinance

The City of South Haven will be hearing public comments for an amendment proposed to Article XVII, Section 1716.1(h) "No single- or two-family driveway shall have a width less than nine (9) feet nor more than sixteen (16) feet at the street right-of-way line. The curb cut, including flares, shall not exceed the lesser of: i.) twenty-four (24) feet, or ii.) 1.5 times the width of the driveway at the street right-of-way." This amendment proposes increasing the maximum width to twenty-one (21) feet and no less than nine (9) feet. This amendment will apply to all single-family residential districts within the City of South Haven.

3. Ordinance to amend Section 603 of the South Haven Zoning Ordinance

Amendment to amend Section 603 of the City of South Haven Zoning Ordinance to prohibit balconies overhanging into the public right-of-way. "balconies shall be contained within the boundaries of the lot and shall not encroach into the adjoining right-of-way."

All amendment information is available for review and written comments will be received until 4:00 P.M., March 5, 2020 at South Haven City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven. All interested parties will be heard at the meeting.

Bradley S. Kotrba
Planning & Zoning Administrator
(269) 637-0760

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HARTFORD TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
2020

Hartford Township Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of the 2020 Assessments at:
Hartford Township Hall 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057
March 3rd 8:00 A.M. Organizational Meeting only. No appeals heard.
March 9th 2 P.M. To 5 P.M. & 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
March 17th 9:00 A.M. To 12:00 Noon & 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Residents and Non-residents may file letters of protest and must be
received by March 17th, 2020

Tentative	Ratio %	Factor
Agriculture	51.00	1.0200
Commercial	47.17	0.9434
Industrial	49.27	0.9854
Residential	47.12	0.9424
Personal	50.00	1.0000

C.P.I. 1.9%

Assessments have been adjusted to result in an anticipated multiplier of 1.0000 for each class. With proposal A in effect the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and transfers of ownership are capped at the rate of inflation, 1.9%.

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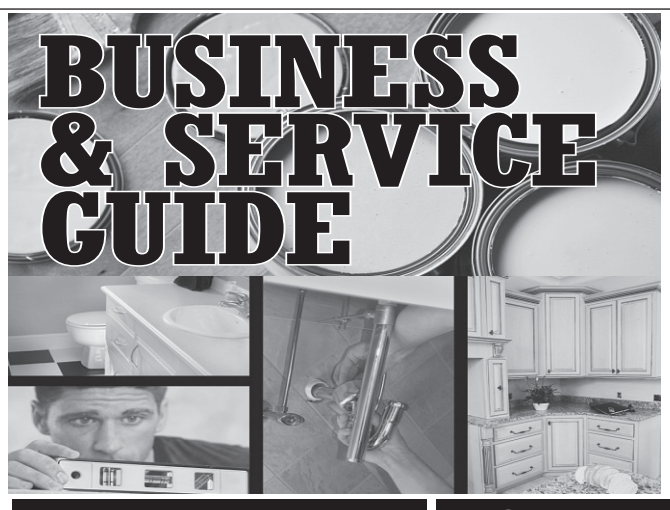
Contact:Julie L. Sweet, Clerk
61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-4658 ext. 3

Board of Review Members: Bob Kilburn, Doug Meachum and Randy Kime,
Ron Sefcik - Secretary of Board of Review
Assessor – William J. Kays

Julie L. Sweet
Hartford Township Clerk



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By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be secretive about your professional intentions. Colleagues may mislead you if you are credulous. Spend more time on personal goals and self-improvement instead of trying to change others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Let your imagination wander, and you will find a way to adjust to a situation that isn't going as planned. A move will pay off, and a financial gain is within reach.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Expect to encounter disagreements. Reserve judgment and listen to what others have to say. Make decisions and choices based on facts. Exercise moderation in all facets of life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Expand your interests, try something new and be open to learning and gaining experience. The people you encounter will change the way you think and do things. Embrace life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't believe everything you hear. Someone will lead you on or interfere with your progress. Stick to what you do best and finish what you start, regardless of what others do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Speak up, say what's on your mind and present what you have to offer. Efficiency will pay off and attract the type of people you want on your team.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Refuse to let an unexpected change daunt you. Pay closer attention to fitness, health, diet and personal gains, and focus less on what others are doing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you want something, go after it. You'll accomplish your goals if you take the path of least resistance. Educational pursuits and networking functions are favored. Be health conscious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Assess your current personal situation and consider the best way to make improvements. A change may not be wanted, but it may be necessary. Protect your health, home and happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be ready and willing to listen and discuss your plans. The results will encourage expansion, opportunity and creative, potentially lucrative partnerships. Your intuition will help you make wise choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your thoughts and plans secret. The less information you offer others, the better. A change at home will be advantageous if you don't overdo it. Stick to a budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you do something nice for someone, it will make you feel good. Attitude is everything, and offering positive input will lead to favorable changes. A financial gain looks promising.

BOARD OF REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE
KEELER TOWNSHIP
2020 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The Keeler Township March Board of Review for 2020 will be held at the Keeler Township Hall, 64121 Territorial Rd W., Hartford, MI 49057 on the following dates:

March 3rd, 2020 9:30 am – Organizational Meeting – No Appeals
March 9th, 2020 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm = Appeal Hearing*
March 16th, 2020 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm = Appeal Hearing*

Letters of protest will be accepted if received by March 16, 2020.
All residents and non-residents may protest by letter to the Board of Review.
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The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2020 are as follows:

Class Ratio	Factor	
*Agricultural	50.09%	.99820
*Residential	47.96%	1.04254
*Commercial	46.75%	1.06952
*Industrial	49.90%	1.00200
*Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

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The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon five (5) day notice to the Township Clerk.

Anne M. Richmond, Assessor
Carl F. Davis, Clerk

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
2020 TREE REMOVAL PROJECT

Sealed Bids for the 2020 Tree Removal Project will be received by the City of Benton Harbor Clerk's Office, at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 until Monday, February 24, 2020 at 3:00pm local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project includes the removal of trees, stumps, and turf restoration within City of Benton Harbor Rights-of-Way.
Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis. Sealed bids bearing the Project name as well as the name and address of the bidder shall be submitted to Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor MI 49022.
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project will be available on Monday, February 17, 2020 and can be found at the following designated website: http://www.abonmarche.com/bids. There is no fee for registration on the plan holder's list and download of electronic bidding documents. Hard copies are available from the Issuing Office of Abonmarche, 95 West Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 (269) 927-2295. The fee for obtaining hard copy documents is Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00). An additional Ten Dollars ($10.00) will be charged for plans requiring shipping. General Specifications, description and conditions upon which the bid proposal is to be based are on file for examination at the Issuing Office.
A certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, made payable to the City of Benton Harbor will be required with each bid as security for the proper execution of the contract.
A 100% Labor, Material, and Performance Bond will be required of successful bidder.
This work is subject to the City of Benton Harbor local Minority Participation Requirements. The City of Benton Harbor requires a minimum of 25% of the total construction cost as Local Minority participation. This shall include costs related to sub-contracted work and/or laborers employed by the contractor that will participate in the work.
The successful bidder shall prove the 25% participation with their bid or their good faith efforts to hire local minorities.
No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled opening without consent of the OWNER. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informality in bidding or to accept the bid, consistent with law, which best serves the interest of the Owner.
All inquiries shall be directed to Abonmarche, attn.: Sandy Riehl at Phone (269) 927-2295, Fax: (269) 927-1017 or via email: sriehl@abonmarche.com. Technical questions must be submitted via email and shall be entitled "2020 Tree Removal Project."
ENGINEER:
Daniel A. Dombos II, PE
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Abonmarche
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LEGALS

LEGALS

Hagar Township will hold the March 2020 Board of Review Meetings at the Hagar Township Hall, 3900 Riverside Rd, Riverside MI 49084
The meeting dates are as follows: Organizational meeting: Tuesday March 3, 2020, 7:30pm
Board of Review meetings: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 9am-3pm and Thursday, March 12, 2020, 1:30pm-4:30pm and 6pm-9pm.

All classifications are at a tentative 1.0 factor.
101 Ratio 50%
201 Ratio 50%
301 Ratio 50%
401 Ratio 50%

Appointments can be made by calling Hagar Township Hall 269-849-0455
Letters of Protest will be accepted if received by March 10, 2020 at 5pm.

PUBLIC HEARING - Riverwood Center 2019 Annual Plan Submission Wednesday, February 19, 2020 @ 4:00 PM 1485 M-139, Benton Harbor (Back Bldg) Ric Compton, CEO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Careers are made in the Classifieds... FIND ONE TODAY!

LOST

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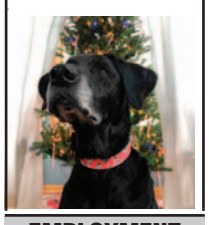

EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

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Bridge Tender – Street Dept Responsible for opening and closing bascule bridge on an established schedule and ensuring that all boat traffic passing through bridge is accounted for. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Must be available to work a rotating shift between the hours of 6:00AM - 12:00 midnight Monday – Sunday, including holidays. The position is seasonal from March through October, with an average of 25 hours per week.

Candidates may apply online at *www.southhaven.com* or by filling out a paper application available at City Hall. City of South Haven is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Rolling Prairie, IN
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EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Three Oaks, MI
VILLAGE of THREE OAKS WATER & WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATOR
The Village of Three Oaks is seeking candidates for an Operations and Maintenance System Operator under the direct supervision of the Water/Sewer Superintendent. The ideal candidate will have some experience with drinking water and wastewater systems, but we are willing to train the right individual. The minimum qualifications include a high school diploma, valid driver's license and/or a Class B CDL, basic math skills, and experience with operating machinery and equipment safely and responsibly. Must have the ability to lift 50 lbs or more, work in all weather conditions and have the availability to work nights, weekends, holidays and overtime if necessary. Must be able to obtain the S4 and D4 drinking water licenses within one year of hire and the L1 lagoon treatment license within 18 months of hire. Pay is based upon experience. Please submit resumes to Quentin Clark, Water/Sewer Superintendent at qclark@threeoaksvillage.org or stop by Village Hall at 21 N. Elm St, Three Oaks, MI for an application.

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CITY OF BANGOR

COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 289

FIRST READING: 2/3/20

ADOPTED: 2/5/20

RECREATIONAL (ADULT USE) MARIHUANA EVENT ORGANIZER LICENSE AND TEMPORARY MARIHUANA EVENT LICENSE ORDINANCE

An ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Bangor by adding a new Chapter 118, Recreational (Adult Use) Marihuana Establishments; to provide regulations regarding recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and temporary marihuana events; to provide a title for the ordinance; to define words; to authorize the operation of and provide regulations for recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer(s) and temporary marihuana event(s) in the City of Bangor pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, as may be amended and the Administrative Rules promulgated thereunder; to provide for an annual fee; to provide penalties for violation of this ordinance; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith and to provide an effective date.

CITY OF BANGOR
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDAINS:

SECTION I
TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the City of Bangor Recreational (Adult Use) Marihuana Event Organizer License and Temporary Marihuana Event License Ordinance.

SECTION II
PURPOSE

The purpose of the ordinance is to regulate recreational (adult use) marihuana temporary events and to provide for City approval for temporary recreational (adult use) marihuana and/or marihuana event organizer licenses in the City, in order to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the City's residents, to provide reasonable regulations regarding City licensing of recreational (adult use) marihuana temporary events and event organizer(s), to provide a method to defray administrative costs of such establishments and to coordinate City regulations and license approval with laws and regulations enacted by the State of Michigan. It is not the intent of this Ordinance to restrict or abrogate the protections for recreational (adult use) marihuana found in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, et seq., as may be amended.

SECTION III
DEFINITIONS

Words used herein shall have the definitions as provided for in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, et seq., as may be amended, and the Administrative Rules promulgated thereunder.

SECTION IV
RECREATIONAL (ADULT USE) MARIHUANA TEMPORARY EVENTS AND MARIHUANA EVENT ORGANIZERS

The following recreational (adult use) marihuana establishments may be authorized to operate within the City by the holder of a state operating license, and the City may issue a City license for the same, subject to compliance with the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Initiated Law 1 of 2018), as may be amended, the Rules promulgated thereunder and this ordinance:

1. Two (2) Temporary Marihuana Events
2. Two (2) Marihuana Event Organizers

No other recreational (adult use) licenses are authorized in the City unless and until an ordinance authorizing such establishments is adopted and takes effect, pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Initiated Law 1 of 2018), as may be amended or the Rules promulgated thereunder.

SECTION V
RECREATIONAL (ADULT USE) MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES

1. All applicants for a City recreational (adult use) marihuana temporary events and/or marihuana event organizer license shall be pre-qualified by the State of Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency and shall provide proof of such approval from the State prior to or upon applying to the City for a City license. In the event that an applicant already has a license from the State of Michigan for a medical marihuana facility license, the applicant does not need to obtain prequalification for a recreational (adult use) marihuana establishment license.

2. On and after February 15, 2020 the City shall accept applications for a City license to operate a recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event license within the City. Application shall be made on a City form and must be submitted to the City Clerk and/or other designee of the City (hereinafter referred to as the "Clerk."). Once the Clerk receives a complete application including the initial annual recreational (adult use) marihuana establishment fee, the application shall be time and date stamped. All complete applications received on or after February 15, 2020 shall be considered for conditional authorization and/or City licensure. In the event that more applications are submitted to the Clerk than the number of recreational (adult use) marihuana establishments authorized for City licensure by this ordinance, the applications shall be considered by the City Council pursuant to the evaluation criteria contained in Section VI of this Ordinance. The City Council shall consider an application for a recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event licensure within 30 days of the date of receipt of a complete application. Once the City Council has determined which applications will be authorized for Township licensure (per Section V herein), any additional complete applications shall be held in abeyance for future conditional licensure. Any applicant waiting for future conditional licensure may withdraw their application by written notice to the Clerk at any time and may receive a partial refund of the initial annual medical marihuana fee submitted.

3. If a conditionally licensed applicant is denied a state operating license, then such conditional license will be canceled by the Clerk and the conditional license shall be available to the next applicant for the specific type of recreational (adult use) marihuana establishment license in order of rankings, per the evaluation criteria in Section VI.

4. A conditionally licensed applicant shall receive a license from the City to operate the recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event within the City upon the applicant providing the Clerk proof that the applicant has received a state operating license for the recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event in the City and the applicant has met all other requirements of this ordinance for the operation of a recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or a temporary marihuana event.

5. If a conditionally licensed applicant fails to obtain a license from the City within one year from the date of conditional license, then such conditional license shall be canceled by the Clerk and the conditional license shall be available to the next applicant for the recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event license in order of rankings, per the evaluation criteria in Section VI. The City Council shall have the authority to extend the deadline to obtain a City license for up to an additional six months on written request of the applicant, within thirty days prior to cancellation, upon the reasonable discretion of the City Council making a finding of good cause for the extension.

6. A licensee shall not operate as recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and shall not arrange, host or otherwise be involved in a temporary marihuana event at any location in the City other than at the address provided in the application to the City.

SECTION VI
LICENSE EVALUATION CRITERIA

In the event that the City receives more applications for recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event licenses than are authorized by this ordinance, the City Council shall review all applications to determine which of the applications are best suited to operate such establishment in the City in compliance with the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Initiated Law 1 of 2018), as may be amended and the Rules promulgated thereunder as amended. In making such analysis, the City Council shall consider the following criteria:

1. The applicant's experience in operating other licensed marihuana businesses in the City of Bangor.
2. The applicant's experience in operating other licensed marihuana businesses in Van Buren County.
3. The applicant's experience in operating other licensed marihuana businesses in Michigan.
4. If the applicant is a resident of the City of Bangor.
5. If the applicant is a resident of Van Buren County, Michigan.
6. An estimate of the number and type of jobs that the marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event is expected to create and the amount and type of compensation expected to be paid for such jobs.
7. Planned tangible capital investments in the City, including if multiple licenses are proposed.
8. An explanation of anticipated economic benefits to the City with supporting factual data.
9. The applicant's general business management experience.
10. The applicant's financial ability and/or means to operate or maintain a marihuana establishment.
11. Whether the applicant has been delinquent in paying taxes to the City of Bangor, Van Buren County and/or any other public entity in the past 10 years.
12. Whether the applicant has a history of non-compliance with any regulatory requirements in the City of Bangor, Van Buren County or elsewhere within the State of Michigan.

SECTION VII
GENERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING AUTHORIZED RECREATIONAL (ADULT USE) MARIHUANA EVENT ORGANIZERS AND TEMPORARY MARIHUANA EVENTS

1. A licensed recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event shall only be operated within the City by the holder of a State operating license issued pursuant to Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Initiated Law 1 of 2018), as may be amended, and the Rules promulgated thereunder. The recreational (adult use) event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event shall only operate as long as the State operating license and City license both remain in effect.

2.Prior to operating a licensed recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or a temporary marihuana event within the City pursuant to a State operating license, the activities must comply with all applicable regulations, ordinances and codes, including Zoning Ordinances.

3.Prior to operating an authorized recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event within the City pursuant to a State operating license, the marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event must comply with all City construction codes and regulations, building ordinances and zoning ordinances, all other applicable City ordinances specifically regulating recreational (adult use) marihuana establishments and generally applicable City regulatory ordinances and regulations. The marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event shall only be operated as long as it remains in compliance with all such ordinances and regulations now in force or which hereinafter may be established or amended.

4.If at any time a licensed recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event license holder violates this ordinance the City Council may request that the State revoke or refrain from renewing the establishment's State operating license. Once such State operating license is revoked or fails to be renewed, the Clerk shall cancel the City license and the license shall be available to the next applicant for the specific type of recreational (adult use) marihuana establishment license in order of rankings, per the evaluation criteria in Section VI.

5.A recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event is not required to have any minimum setback from an existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any grades 1 – 12.

6.A recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer may be located in a B-1. B-2 or M-1 zoning district, subject to the requirements of all City ordinances, including zoning ordinances. A temporary marihuana event may be located in a B-1, B-2 or M-1 zoning district, subject to the requirements of all City ordinances, including zoning ordinances.

7.A recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event shall prevent smoke, odors, debris, dust, noise, lights, glare, heat, other emissions or discharge from interfering with the reasonable and comfortable use and enjoyment of another's property. Whether smoke, odors, debris, dust, noise, lights, glare, heat, other emissions or discharge interfere with the reasonable and comfortable use and enjoyment of property shall be measured against the objective standards of a reasonable person of normal sensitivity.

8.A temporary marihuana event shall, only be open to the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and shall comply with all requirements of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Initiated Law 1 of 2018), as may be amended, and the Rules promulgated thereunder.

9.All signage and advertising for a marihuana event organizer and/or a temporary marihuana event shall comply with City of Bangor, Van Buren County and/or MDOT regulations.

10.A licensed recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or a temporary marihuana event shall consent to inspection of the facility by City officials, including City Police Officers, upon reasonable notice, to verify compliance with this ordinance.

11.The City expressly reserves the right to amend or repeal this ordinance in any way including, but not limited to, complete elimination of or reduction in the type and/or number of licenses for recreational (adult use) marihuana establishments authorized to operate within the City.

SECTION VIII
ANNUAL RECREATIONAL (ADULT USE) MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENT FEE

There is hereby established an annual nonrefundable City recreational (adult use) marihuana establishment fee in the amount of $5,000, for each licensed recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event within the City, to help defray administrative and enforcement costs associated therewith. An initial annual recreational (adult use) marihuana establishment fee of $5,000 shall be payable at the time of application for City authorization and thereafter the same amount shall be payable each year on or before January 5th. The City may pro-rate the application fee based on application date and/or renewal application date.

SECTION IX
NONRENEWAL, SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, APPEALS

1. It is hereby expressly declared that nothing in this ordinance be held or construed to give or grant to any authorized recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event a vested right, privilege or permit to continued licensure from the City for operations within the City.

2. Each license is exclusive to the licensee and a licensee and cannot be sold or transferred. The attempted transfer, sale or other conveyance of an interest in a license without prior approval of the Planning Commission and/or City Council is grounds for suspension or revocation of the license or for other appropriate sanction.

3.The City Council, after notice and hearing, may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license for any of the following reasons:

a. The applicant or licensee, or his/her agent, manager or employee, has violated, does not meet or has failed to comply with any of the terms, requirements, conditions of provisions of this ordinance or with any applicable state or local law or regulation;

b. The recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event has operated in a manner that adversely affects the public health, safety and welfare.

4. Evidence to support a finding for nonrenewal, suspension or revocation of a license may include, without limitation, a continuing pattern of conduct of drug related criminal complaints associate with the marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event or in the immediate surrounding area or an ongoing nuisance condition emanating from or caused by a recreational (adult use) marihuana event organizer and/or temporary marihuana event.

5. An applicant may appeal any City decision regarding licensure, nonrenewal, suspension or revocation of a license to the full City Council, upon written request. An applicant requesting such appeal shall submit the request in writing to the City Clerk, which request shall include reasons for the appeal. The City Clerk shall, within a reasonable time thereafter, provide notice to the applicant of the time and date of the City Council meeting at which the appeal will be heard. At such City Council meeting, the applicant will have the opportunity to present his/her case supporting their appeal request.

SECTION X
VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

1. Any person who disobeys neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this ordinance or who causes, allows or consents to any of the same shall be deemed to be responsible for the violation of this ordinance. A violation of this ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se.

2. A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fines shall not be less than $100 nor more than $500 for the first offense and not less than $250 nor more than $500 for subsequent offenses, in the discretion of the Court. For purposes of this section, "subsequent offenses" means a violation of the provisions of this ordinance committed by the same person within 12 months of a previous violation of the same provision of this ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudicated to be responsible. The foregoing sanctions shall be in addition to the rights of the City to proceed at law or equity with other appropriate and proper remedies. Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which the City incurs in connection with the municipal civil infraction. This section is not intended to conflict with the penalty provisions in the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, et seq., as may be amended.

3. Each day during which any violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

4. In addition, the City may seek injunctive relief against persons alleged to be in violation of this ordinance, and such other relief as may be provided by law.

5. This ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the City's Code Enforcement Officer, City Police Officer or by such other person (s) as designated by the City Council from time to time.

SECTION XI
SEVERABLITY

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect. The provisions herein shall be construed as not interfering or conflicting with the statutory regulations for licensing recreational (adult use) marihuana establishments pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (Initiated Law 1 of 2018).

SECTION XII
REPEAL

All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION XIII

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after publication after adoption.